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TELEPHONE SERVICE TO CANTON EARLY INAUGURATION FORESHADOWED THIS MORNING'S MEETING

Interesting developments in the field of long-distance telephony in South China were foreshadowed by Mr. J. Scott Harston, Chairman of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, Ltd., at the annual meeting this morning.

"Very definite progress," he said, "had been made towards the installation of a Trunk Telephone service to Canton, and, subject to Government approval, the service would be inaugurated in about one year from date. There would be 24 lines, to be carried in a special underground cable, and the service would be on a no-delay basis.

TRUNK LINE TO SWATOW

The Chairman made the further interesting announcement that in due course a trunk line to Swatow and other points might be expected, so full of possibilities was the situation in South China for long-distance telephony.

Referring to the installation of the new automatic system, the Chairman regretted that there had been some delay, owing to the late arrival of portions of the equipment. The Contractor now assured the Company, however, that the system would be tested and ready for operation by the last week in April.

As regards finances, the Directors had decided, in view of the heavy outlay in making the change-over, that a call of \$2.50 per share should be made on partly-paid shares on June 30 next. It was desired to keep the subscription rates at the present level, notwithstanding the expense of the change-over, but this decision would largely depend upon the results obtained under the Automatic system.

The Chairman asked the Company's subscribers, and the general public, to co-operate with the Company to ensure the smooth working of the new system, urging them to note carefully the instructions issued, and also that the demonstration models set up by the Company be visited and thoroughly studied.

Chairman's Speech

In moving the adoption of the Report and Account the Chairman said:—

The auditors' report is as follows:—

"We have audited the books, accounts and vouchers of the Company monthly for the year ended December 31, 1929, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. The plant, fittings and stores, rendered obsolete by the change of system, have been written off at valuations made by the Manager. In our opinion, the balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, Limited, as at December 31, 1929, according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Company.—Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, chartered accountants, auditors: Hong Kong, February 10 1930."

The Accounts
Referring to the accounts, you will observe that the profit for the year under review, carried to the credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, amounted to \$302,200.26, which shows an increase of \$41,295.80 over the preceding year, and is obtained after deducting \$195,681.90 for Depreciation; \$83,960.00 for payment to Government of Royalties, as required by the Telephone Ordinance; and \$474.87 for writing off bad debts. Depreciation shows an increase of \$27,107.54 over the previous year and the larger allowance in this connection is necessitated by reason of the capital additions to general plant made during the year in the normal expansion of your business.

The expansion, you will observe, has resulted in the amount of Royalties payable to Government being \$2,312.00 in excess of the payment for the previous year.

Bad debts continue to decrease, even though they were extremely small last year—and this, I believe, is indicative of the efficacy of your Company's system of deposits, to which I have already referred from the Chair on several previous occasions.

Appropriations
Turning now to the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, you

Directors recommend the adoption of the appropriations shown, and I would like to direct your attention to Change of System Account which provides for the writing off, as at December 31, 1929, those assets which have become obsolete owing to the imminent approach of the change-over to automatic working, to which I will refer later.

Under normal circumstances obsolescence would, as far as practicable, be taken into consideration in fixing the rates for depreciation for the various classes of plant bus, as you are aware, under the terms of the Company's franchise a limit is fixed as to the maximum amount to be charged for depreciation in any one financial year.

It was consequently not possible for your Company to provide for depreciation, in the short period which has elapsed since its inauguration on July 1, 1929, on a scale sufficiently extensive to enable it to have retired, through the account, the whole of the assets which have become obsolete by reason of the change of system, especially in view of the very comprehensive programme of modernisation and expansion carried out by the Company since its inception.

Your Directors, therefore, after consultation with your Company's Auditors, decided to utilise the Share Premium Reserve for the purpose of extinguishing the Obsolete Plant Account, and I feel confident that Shareholders will endorse the conservative policy of your Board in this connection, particularly having regard to the fact that, although your new Automatic Plant will incorporate the latest developments in the art of Telephone Engineering, it in turn will, no doubt, become obsolete in the course of time and will require to be periodically renewed in order that it may keep pace with the very rapid strides which are being made in the field of telephonic development.

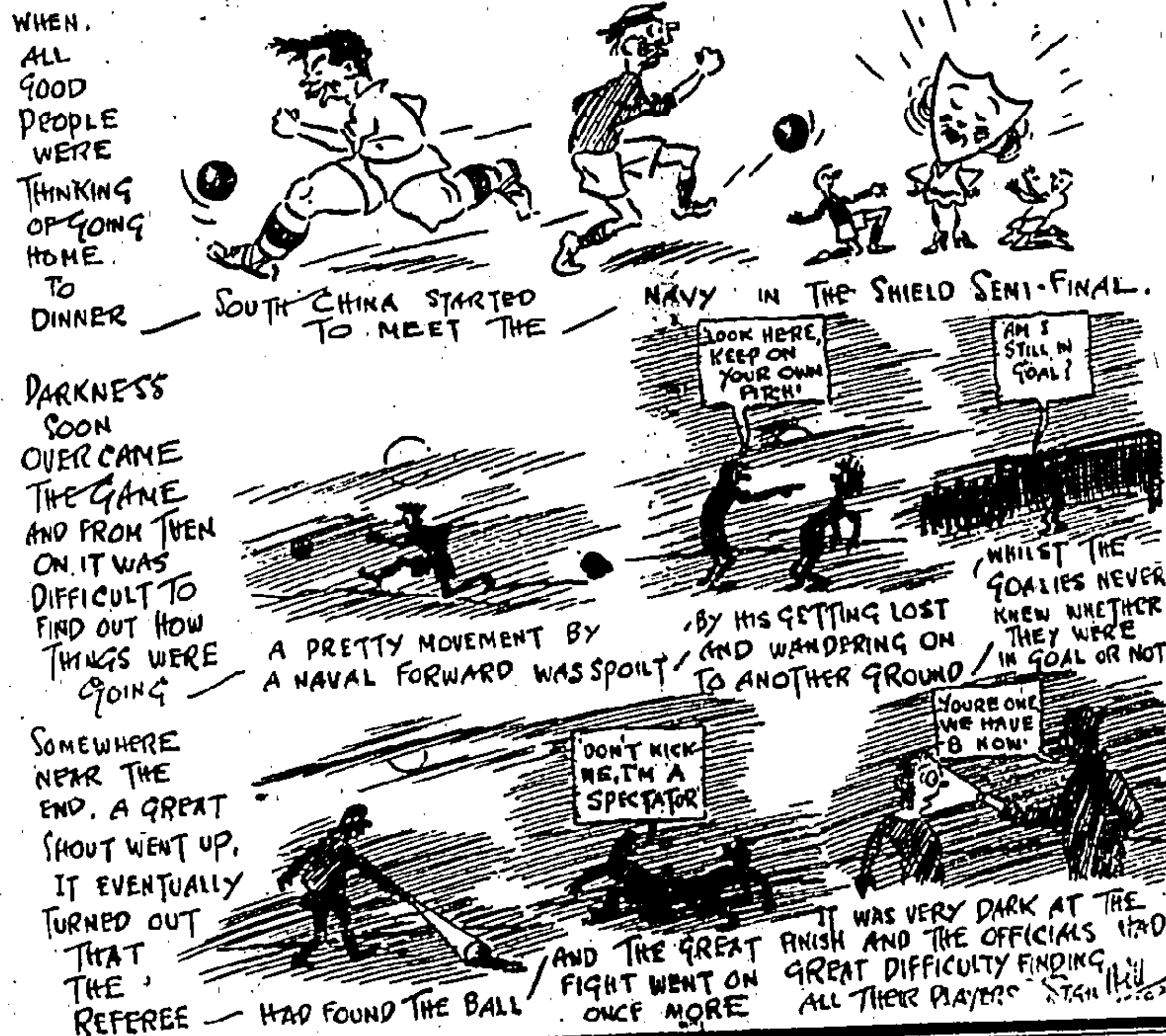
At the last Annual General Meeting you approved the appropriation of \$25,000 to Obsolete Stores Reserve, and you will observe that this Reserve has been utilised, in the manner contemplated, for the purpose of writing off Stores which have become unserviceable in consequence of the change of system.

The balance required to provide for the full amount of \$271,298.97, shown under Change of System Account after utilising the Share Premium Reserve and the Stores Obsolescence Reserve, has been appropriated from Profits, and requires your confirmation.

Reserve and Investments
With regard to the Balance Sheet, you will notice that General Reserve Account will stand at \$225,000 if you approve your Directors' recommendation that \$50,000 be appropriated thereto for the year under review. That account is represented on the contra side by Investments, and I am sure that your Directors' policy in investing the Reserve in securities outside the business will commend itself to all Shareholders, since the adoption of that course, where possible, is in conformity with the principles of sound finance.

Unfortunately, however, your Company cannot, owing to the terms of its franchise, credit the Reserve Fund with the interest earned on these investments and this, I think, emphasises the point to which I referred at the last Annual General Meeting regarding the inadequacy of an annual appropriation of \$50,000 to General Reserve when your Company's Authorised Capital is \$5,000,000, and

"WHEN THE SUN WENT DOWN"



STRUNG UP WITH WIRE

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED MURDER OF WATCHMAN

TOWEL DOWN HIS THROAT

An audacious attempted murder and robbery was revealed this morning in Kowloon, when workmen of the Duro Motor and Engineering Co., who were coming in shortly before 8 o'clock, found the Chinese watchman of the place bound and gagged, and strung up to a window frame behind the lavatory door.

The unfortunate man, who was almost in extremis when discovered, had been most systematically bound. His feet were bound, and his hands tied behind his back. The intruders had then strung him up to the window with electrical wiring, which was looped round his neck. Not satisfied with this, the robbers had stuffed a towel down the man's throat, and gagged him as well.

Almost Dead
The Police were sent for at once, and when Det.-Inspector Fallon arrived on the scene the man was almost dead. Prompt measures were adopted and the obstacle removed from the man's throat. He was rushed to the Kowloon Hospital, where at the time of writing he is still lying unconscious.

On investigation, it was found that the sum of \$97 in cash, and a Royal typewriter, valued at \$180, were missing.

In the absence of any statement from the watchman, little light can be thrown upon the affair as yet, although the case is similar to one reported from Pitt Street some time ago.

When obviously provision should be made for the amortisation of such amount over the period of 50 years which constitutes the tenure of the Franchise whereunder your Company operates—in which relation it must be remembered that the Telephone Ordinance stipulates that, vis-a-vis modern inventions, your Company must so conduct its business as to provide as up-to-date a telephone service as it would provide if its franchise were perpetual.

Additions to Land and Buildings
amount to \$44,886.60, representing in the main the balance of expenditure on the new Kowloon Exchange Building, which was completed during the early part of the year.

On General Plant the additions amount to \$337,255.55, whilst Automatic Plant Preliminary Expenses now stand at \$572,899.48, which latter sum will be incorporated in General Plant Account when the New System becomes operative.

Call on Shares
Coming now to the cash position, you will observe that your Company is carrying an overdraft, which at the end of the financial year under review, amounted to \$88,040.46, and this overdraft will be increased as further payments for the new plant are met. This question of finance has recently engaged the careful consideration of your Directors, who have decided that it will be necessary to make a call of \$2.50 on the partly-paid shares.

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STOP PRESS

Nanking, Yesterday.
Yeh Chut-sang, Chairman of the Kuomintang Publicity Department, has been appointed concurrently Chairman of the Kiangsu Provincial Government.—Reuter.

MASTERS & MATES

Oral and Written Examinations

A matter of vital importance to the mercantile marine service is contained in the current issue of the Gazette. It states:—Rules 13 and 14 of the rules relating to the examination of masters and mates in the mercantile marine made by the Governor in Council and published in Government Notification No. 368 in the Gazette of November 21, 1913, are hereby rescinded, and the following rule is substituted therefor:—

Candidates for any grade of certificate will proceed to the oral examination irrespective of whether they have passed or failed in their written work.

Where a candidate passes in the written portion of the examination and fails in the oral, or vice versa, his pass in that portion in which he has satisfied the examiners will hold good for a period of six months from the date of the examination. If he does not pass the remainder of the examination within this period he will again be required to be examined.

FAIR WEEK-END

This morning's weather report from the Royal Observatory, states:—

The two depressions have merged into one and are central over South-east Manchuria.

The anti-cyclone has strengthened, and is now central over the Lower Yangtze Valley.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

ed both in the written and in the oral portions. The Governor may in exceptional circumstances decide to extend the period he will again be required to be examined both in the written and in the oral portions of the examination, or in both, an interval of two months must elapse from the date of the last failure before a candidate can be re-examined. No further penalty will be imposed save in those cases where the examiner considers further sea service necessary. The sea service will not exceed six months.

The rule came into operation from March 1.

By order of the Medical Board the name of Ho Che-wing has been struck off the register of Medical and Surgical Practitioners qualified to practice medicine and surgery in this Colony.

Duke of Ningbo will go to the post for a place.

STEEPLECHASE AT FANLING

GOOD PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR TO-MORROW

GRAND NATIONAL

(By "Wombat")

The Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be holding a very important meeting to-morrow afternoon at Kwai when a programme of five events will be decided, the principal of which will be the Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Cup.

Shamrock Stakes

The opening event is due to start at 3 p.m. sharp and should attract a substantial field. The race appears a fairly open event. Fernleaf displays his best form over this particular distance and looks a winner here.

Sunloch is in top-hole condition, and is equally well at home over the mile.

James Pigg was well beaten at the last meeting, but is showing good form in training and may, therefore, be close at the finish.

The March Cup

November won at his last outing, and is considered to be a good thing in this event.

Christmas Frolic, on his previous running on the flat, may stage an upset.

Mowgli rarely disappoints, and should put over a good showing over this distance.

Fanling Stag is useful and enters well into the argument, although carrying a big weight.

The Spring Maidens

Diana is the most likely looking pony here, and should run well after his rest since the last flat meeting.

Socra has disappointed on many occasions, but should do better here, and may be placed.

Sixty would be better suited by a shorter distance, but he should run well in spite of the long trip.

Fanling Grand National and

Pierce Grove Cup

As You Like It will command most attention in this event, as he was a winner last year, and is supposed to have improved considerably since he last raced at Fanling.

Huntington is decidedly useful in this class, and is by no means badly handicapped.

Fanling Stag, over this distance at one of our recent meetings was narrowly beaten by a good one, which points to his chances here.

St. Patrick's Steeplechase
Buster possesses a very good chance of winning here, as I do not expect this field to be a very big one.

Montana is the pick, however, and will probably run the rest of the opposition off their legs trying to keep up with him.

Duke of Ningbo will go to the post for a place.

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CHANNEL TUNNEL

MAY BE BUILT AT COST OF £25,000,000

ASSET TO TRADE COULD BE OPERATED ECONOMICALLY

London, Yesterday.

The official commission investigating the feasibility of a channel tunnel has reported in favour of the construction of an experimental pilot tunnel, at a cost of £5,000,000, and, if successful, traffic tunnels should be constructed at an estimated cost of £25,000,000. The Commission recommends that the work be carried out by private enterprise with Government financial assistance, and expresses the opinion that the tunnel could be built, maintained and operated economically, and, by creating new traffic, thus increasing trade, would be of economic advantage to Great Britain.

Lord Ebbisham, a Director of the Southern Railway, contributes a dissenting minute, opposing the scheme on economic grounds.

Reuter.

[The scheme of constructing a tunnel under the Channel has been the subject of controversy for the last half century. Some years before the war a company was formed for the project and a shaft was actually sunk on the shore at Dover, a similar excavation being made at Calais. The project, however, was ended by the action of the Conservative Government then in power, which, supported by the War Office, which greatly feared that a channel tunnel would destroy the insular security of Great Britain in the event of hostilities, rigidly prohibited the work of construction from going forward. The question was again raised in Parliament last year, the principle argument in favour of its construction being that it would provide employment for hundreds of labourers. Tunnel excavation, however, is a type of work requiring skillful men, and it is likely that only expert miners would be employed. In any case, the French Government, who have been asked to share the cost of the scheme, anticipate employing a number of French labourers.]

A MAIDEN OFFENCE

The 14-year-old girl who was yesterday sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindsell to four months' hard labour for stealing £1,050 from her mistress, a Chinese woman living in Pokfulam Road, was again before his Worship this morning.

Mr. Lindsell told the girl that in view of her youth he did not like to send her to jail if other means of dealing with her could be found. Therefore he ordered the girl to be held in Police custody until Tuesday, when she would be referred to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

CHINESE IN INDIA

It is notified for general information that the Government of India has intimated that entry into India on and after April 1, will be refused to Chinese nationals who are unable to produce regular passports duly vise for entry into India.

MY SELECTIONS

1st Race:—

- 1.—Fernleaf.
- 2.—Sunloch.
- 3.—Slang River.

2nd Race:—

- 1.—Christmas Frolic.
- 2.—Mowgli.
- 3.—November.

3rd Race:—

- 1.—Sunloch.
- 2.—Diana.
- 3.—Socra.

4th Race:—

- 1.—As You Like It.
- 2.—Huntington.
- 3.—Blotting Paper.

5th Race:—

- 1.—Buster.
- 2.—Montana.
- 3.—Movanagher.

POISON GAS FOR CHINA?

CARGO OF DUM-DUM BULLETS

LOCAL RUMOUR ARMS CONVENTION PROCEDURE

It is perhaps only natural in these days of trouble and stress in China, that rumours of arms shipments from one port to another, or by certain (or all) nations, should gain currency in Hong Kong, which, situated as it is, is the logical base for the dissemination of propaganda by the various warring factions.

The China Mail, having received a report that a shipment of two thousand cases of ammunition was recently made to a southern and foreign port—and having noted a further, and serious allegation that such shipment contained 28 cases of explosive ("dum-dum") bullets and substances for the manufacture of poison gas—made enquiries in authoritative quarters, only to find that such allegations were not founded upon definite fact.

International Procedure

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that any requests for supplies of arms by interested parties in China must be first of all put before the Consular representative of the nation approached. Further, such request must meet with the approval of the Governor, or appointed representative of the nation, before being submitted to the Diplomatic Corps in Peking for final sanction. This procedure is adopted in accordance with the Convention for the Control of the Trade in Arms and Ammunition, signed at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919. The Convention further specifies that arms the use of which are prohibited under international law, (dum-dum bullets, coming under this heading), shall not under any circumstances, be exported.

Reserve Necessary

Rumours of any violation of this Convention by any of the signatory nations must therefore be treated with great reserve. It is only to be expected that charges and counter-charges should be made, especially in view of the present state of affairs in South China, but when traced to the actual source, they are discovered to be based on very nebulous premises.

Talk of poison gas and dum-dum bullets being imported into China is easy to manufacture—but it would be more satisfactory if definite proofs of such importations could be produced.

In the meantime, it can be safely and definitely stated that the nations signatory to the Arms Convention are not so far lost in a sense of honour as deliberately to violate it.

K. B. S. F. A. DANCE

A very enjoyable dance was held by the Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association at the Central British School last night. A large number of former pupils and their friends were present and the dance music was supplied by "Mickey and His Rhythm Boys".

During the interval, refreshments were served, after which an impromptu concert was staged, in the course of which Miss Nellie Field gave a clever exhibition of dancing.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

During the absence of Mr. E. L. Agassiz, Official Receiver, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) has appointed Mr. E. P. H. Lang to act as Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, and also Registrar of Trade marks in addition to his other duties.

TENDERS ACCEPTED

The following tenders have been accepted by the Government:—

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S. LACE,
Superintendent.

Hong Kong, March 15, 1930.

NOTICES.

G. R.
NOTICE.
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IN ORDER that a COMPLETE LIST may be maintained for record purposes, will those Ladies and Gentlemen resident in Hong Kong, other than those now serving in His Majesty's Forces, who have had any decoration conferred upon them by His Majesty the King, please inform the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretariat if this has not already been done within 14 days from 7th March, 1930.

G. R.
1930—1931.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the R.N. Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1930, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and other provisions and necessities for the year ending 31st March, 1931.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital.

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WM. W. KEIR,
Surgeon Rear Admiral.

R.N. Hospital, Hong Kong.

13th March, 1930.

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FIRST RACE 3 p.m.

SPECIAL TRAIN leaves KOW-LOON 1.50 p.m. returning from Fanling 5.55 p.m. Fare \$2 for Round Trip, including Admission to the Races.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

Final of the Triangular Rugby Tournament.

CLUB V. THE NAVY.

This game will be played on the CLUB GROUND on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1930.

Kick off, 3.30 p.m.

ADMISSION:—

Covered Stand \$1.00

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W. PRYDE,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE that I have removed to Pedder Building, 6th floor, from the 8th March.

T. YAMASAKI,
Japanese Dentist.

No 34, Queen's Rd. C.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1930.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the 41ST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of March, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 8th March, 1930 to WEDNESDAY, 19th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1930.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1929.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1930.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th March, 1930, to the 26th March, 1930 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

LOOK POONG-SHAN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1930.

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

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SICKNESS AND HISTORY

The Decisive Influence of Disease

AN ABSORBING LECTURE

Speaking on February 27 to members of the Kuala Lumpur Rotary Club on "The Influence of sickness on history," Professor A. Bostock-Hill said that in his history no factor perhaps had been more potent and so little understood as sickness particularly in the form of epidemic and plague. From early ages, periods of time had been bounded by epidemics, plagues and pestilences. If they went back to man in the earliest ages, living as he did in caves or trees, fighting not only for his food but with his fellowmen, nothing in the way of epidemics was possible, but when he began to collect into communities and built his first early settlements, which later developed into towns, then conditions began to arise which they now knew were practically essential for the production of disease in epidemic form. The first known case of sanitation was in the reign of Men, when the Nile was devoted to prevent floods. Probably the earliest accounts of plague interfering with history and family life were the ten plagues of Egypt. Some of those could not in any way be judged to be connected with sanitary work but two of them could. Later on, they had the great plague of Athens about 444 B.C., which altered completely the whole scope and work of the people. They knew that Rome was decimated by plagues and there was little reason to doubt that one of the most potent factors in its decline and fall were not only the breaking of the morale and character of the people, but largely the diminution of their vitality by continued outbreaks of malaria, rendering them unable to withstand the attacks of the more robust barbarians.

The Black Death

If they went to more modern records, the first great record they had of world-stirring plague or epidemic was the Black Death, which was supposed, as far as history could tell them, to have originated in China. From China it passed towards the West, till it affected the whole civilised world. As early as 1348, 40 million people are estimated to have died from the Black Death in China. In London 100,000 people were believed to have perished and at Avignon in France a similar number. Right throughout the world as it then existed was nothing but desolation and death. At the present time, with the way they dealt with epidemics, they could hardly imagine such a state of affairs. Not only had it its effect on the misery of the people but on political history too. In Germany the cry was raised that the Jews had poisoned the wells and most horrible cruelties were effected on account of this idea. In Britain the serfs had recently been freed and were free men. The Black Death caused a greater mortality among the poor than among those who were better off and whole villages were depopulated. The barons at once thought they had an opportunity to exert their authority and again reduce the newly-freed serfs back to serfdom. They passed the Statute of Labourers, which chained a man to the parish in which he lived, to work for the landowner. Then arose a revolt, the first revolt they might say of Socialism against constituted authority in comparatively modern history, in the revolt of Jack Cade, which might be said to be the first step in that fight for freedom.

After a reference to the sweating sickness, which was almost confined to Britons and Britons abroad, and which was ascribed by Erasmus to the filthy conditions under which they then lived, the speaker went on to refer to the Great Plague of 1665 in Europe. This was followed by the Great Fire of London, which, however, did not do away entirely with the plague, which lingered in our great cities. Nearly 80,000 had died in the City of London.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, there were two great diseases, scurvy, and the gaol fever. Scurvy was produced by nothing else than insufficient or improper diet and was chiefly a disease of the sea. When Lord Anson made his journey round the world he started out with three ships and 920 men. He returned with one ship and about 200 men, in nine months' time. Everyone else had been lost by scurvy. When Captain Cook took four years to go round the world he lost only seven men and not one of them from scurvy. Why? Because in the meantime it had been found that an essential of our dietary, what they knew as "Vitamins," was absent from the food on which seamen had to subsist. With this one thing and a ration of lime-juice, still supplied to-day, scurvy had ceased to exist.

Gaol fever was a very low and virulent type of typhus, propagated, as typhus always was, by overcrowding, filth and starvation; it was so-called because it was originally induced in the prisons of the world. It might be said that this mattered but little, but did it? Those were the days of the press-gang. When a fleet had to go to sea if crews could not be got by ordinary means the press gang went out to press all the able-bodied it could and as a last resort a sweep was made of the prisons and able-bodied men taken. They brought the infection of the gaol to the ships and in many instances this incapacitated crews when victory seemed certain.

One of the most interesting items he might recall was the victory of Lord Howe on "The Glorious First of June." In that fray the forces of the French and British were nearly equal. We had 17,000 and the French 18,000. A Dr. Trotter had been appointed surgeon of the fleet and he was one of the very first sanitarians of modern times. He determined that the one great thing for victory was for the ships to be as healthy as they could. By cleansing the vessels, which were horribly filthy, and seeing to the ventilation and improving the dietary, sending sick men ashore as circumstances allowed, he produced such a state of affairs that there were only 40 sick people aboard the fleet on the morning of June 1. But the French ships were riddled with fever. Some of them had as many as 300 men unable to carry on their proper work. When we took these ships and their crews prisoners infection spread to our own men and we lost more by that than from battle.

The speaker then went on to refer to "The Black Assizes" at Oxford, when nearly the whole of the court, including the Lord Chief Justice and most of the jury and counsel, died of typhus fever. The infection was brought from the gaol by the prisoners and owing to the intense infectivity of typhus it spread to the civil population. It had an extraordinary effect in reducing the capacity of the law to perform its functions. People were afraid to go as witnesses, or serve on juries.

Professor Bostock-Hill then went on to refer to the discoveries of Sir Ronald Ross, and others, which had resulted in great areas in the tropics being made habitable, and went on to speak of tuberculosis, the mortality from which, he said, had been reduced by 50 per cent. in 50 years.—Malay Mail.

GENERALS WANT YEN HSI-SHAN TO STAY

FU TSO-YI STRONGLY OPPOSED TO HIS RESIGNATION

BERTH BOOKED FOR JAPAN

Shanghai, Thursday.

The various forces stationed in Honan and Hupei were ordered on February 19 to remain in their territories. No military movements are allowed without instructions from the headquarters at the Capital.

Chia ching-teh, who arrived at Peking on March 10, states that he is leaving to-day for Tientsin to book a berth for Yen Hsi-shan, who has definitely decided to go to Japan. Yen Hsi-shan decided to return on March 12 to Young Lo-tung, to attend to his private affairs prior to his departure.

On his arrival at Tientsin, Fu Tso-yi strongly opposed Yen Hsi-shan's resignation and intends to

despatch a circular telegram in the name of the Shansi armies asking Yen to remain.

A Shansi telegram states that the divisional commanders of the Shansi forces are now discussing the question of their disbandment and allowances. It is understood that a conference will be held upon arrival of Fu Tso-yi and Sun Tau.

Rehabilitation in Shansi

Having decided to return to Tientsin on March 18, Chao Ti-wen has wired to Fang Pen-yun and Lui Puh-shen to meet him there to consider the question of rehabilitation in Shansi.

Gen. Chang Chi left for Tientsin on March 10 with the intention for the last time to persuade Yen Hsi-shan to remain at his posts.

Trains on the Peking-Hankow Line can only run as far as Hsuehchow. The down trains have all been detained by the Shansi armies for troop transportation.

Chang Hsueh-liang despatched a brigade from the forces under Gen. Wan Fu-lin to proceed together with the troops under Ting-chu to Manchuli and Sul-feng in order to

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Company meetings and dividend announcements are usually frequent at this time of year. Full reports will be found of interest to old-timers and friends at Home who may have shares. Send them an extra copy of this week's OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

In spite of inclement weather this year's Flower Show has been a great success. A full list of awards appears in this week's OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The trial has been concluded at the Criminal Sessions of two Chinese concerned in the attempted piracy of the s.s. Haiching. The full evidence and verdict are reproduced in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A Court of Enquiry has commenced in regard to a collision in a fog between the s.s. Anking and the s.s. Tandu. The first day's proceedings are reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

China has as usual been engaging attention by virtue of the strife between the war lords in the North and the war in the South between the Cantonese and the Ironsides and the Kwangsi forces. All the latest developments will be found in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Lovers of sports are well catered for, the week-end programme comprising the first extra race meeting, Shield and League football matches, and cricket matches. Special reports will be found in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Letters to relatives and friends in other parts of the world frequently fail to be written even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that those away from the Colony, or folks at Home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and Chinese news every week—by means of a subscription to the "Overland China Mail."

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AKI MARU	Wednesday,	23rd April.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.		
KANAGAWA MARU	Saturday,	5th April.
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† MAYEBASHI MARU	Sunday,	16th March.
† TOBA MARU	Wednesday,	2nd April.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa.		
† LYONS MARU	Thursday,	29th March.
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BUENOS AIRES MARU	Friday, 25th April.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.		
MEIGEN MARU	Thursday, 20th March.
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DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZI- BAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.		
CANADA MARU	Monday, 31st March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
SUMATRA MARU	Tuesday, 18th March.
TACOMA MARU	Friday, 4th April.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.		
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MADRAS MARU	Monday, 7th April.
HAIPHONG—Via Hobeih & Pakhal.		
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SEATTLE MARU	Friday, 21st March.
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Captain E. Johnson, from reserve, has gone master, Wantung. Captain R. H. Fairley, of the Chinkiang, has gone master, Chengtu.

Captain J. D. Whyte, of the Chengtu, has gone master, Chinkiang. Mr. J. R. Nisbet, chief officer, Wantung, has gone chief officer, Soochow.

Mr. D. Needham, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Wantung. Mr. T. B. Low, chief officer, Anking, has resigned from the C.N. Co.

Mr. J. Grossett, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Anking. Mr. S. de Candia, second officer, Chinkiang, has gone second officer, Tsinan.

Mr. R. B. C. Lee, from reserve, has gone second officer, Chinkiang. Mr. S. E. Rees, second officer, Taming, has gone second officer, Shansi.

Mr. K. A. Pegden, second officer, Shansi, is on reserve. Mr. J. W. Bennett, second officer, Kweichow, has gone second officer, Kweichow.

Mr. D. S. Simpson, second officer, Kweichow, has gone second officer, Kweichow. Mr. J. Shiel, second officer, Kiawo, has gone second officer, Fuhwo.

Mr. D. E. Kermode, from reserve, has gone second officer, Kiawo. Mr. J. H. Telfer, third officer, Yuensang, is on reserve.

Mr. T. A. Goldenberg has been appointed third officer, Cheong-shing. Mr. G. Boyle, third officer, Cheongshing, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. R. E. Holden, third officer, Yatsing, has gone second officer, Namsang. Mr. R. McAlpine, second officer, Namsang, is on reserve.

Mr. J. D. Palmer, second officer, Kwongsang, has gone second officer, Sulsang. Mr. S. W. Minshall, second officer, Sulsang, is on home leave.

Mr. S. V. Griffith, third officer, Fooshing, has resigned. Captain W. Rogers, of the Tseangtai, is on reserve.

Captain W. Noon has been appointed master, Tseangtai. Mr. R. B. Wallace, third engineer officer, C.N. Co., has resigned.

Mr. G. W. Clark, chief engineer officer, Yunnan, has been chief engineer officer, Fengtien. Mr. T. R. Pringle, chief engineer officer, Fengtien, is on reserve.

Mr. R. S. Sinclair, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Wantung. Mr. J. B. Smith, third engineer officer, Wantung, has gone third engineer officer, Chenan.

Mr. B. A. Davies, third engineer officer, Chenan, has gone third engineer officer, Changsha. Mr. J. W. S. Hood, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, Sinkiang.

Mr. J. Andrew, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, Wuchang. Mr. H. J. A. D. Peacock, third engineer officer, Ningpo, has gone third engineer officer, Kaying.

Mr. R. Trathen, second engineer officer, Wuchang, is on reserve. Mr. E. F. Graham, third engineer officer, Ichang, has gone third engineer officer, Wantung.

Mr. D. H. Davidson, third engineer officer, Hupeh, has gone extra third engineer officer, Wantung. Mr. W. G. Douglas, extra third engineer officer, Wantung, has gone third engineer officer, Hupeh.

Mr. J. E. Halg, chief engineer officer, Huchow, is on reserve. Mr. R. Carruthers, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Huchow.

Mr. J. Jarvis, from Home, has been appointed third engineer officer, Taming. Mr. W. J. Sprinall, second engineer officer, Fatahan, has gone second engineer officer, Changsha.

Mr. C. W. Bainbridge, second engineer officer, Sinkiang, has gone second engineer officer, Fatahan. Consignees of cargo ex M.V. "Africa" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 17.

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MERSEY DOCK

Three Schemes Receive Approval

At a recent meeting of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Mr. H. F. Fernie in moving the confirmation of the proceedings of the Works Committee said the southern part of the new shed at the Prince's dock had been finished and handed over to the Coast Lines. The engineer expected the rest of the shed would be finished within a short time. He had also to draw the members' attention to the fact that they had now received the approval of the Government on the three schemes which they sent up in the autumn; these were subject to certain arrangements which had to be considered by the committees, and after these had been gone into a final minute on the subject would be submitted to the Board at an early meeting.

The schemes in question are the modernisation of the central dock system at Liverpool; modernisation of one dock bridge at Liverpool and four dock bridges at Birkenhead; and construction of a new dock at Bliston Moss and the filling in Wallasey Pool.

Mr. Rome seconded and the proceedings were confirmed.

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Paris.—Speaking in the Chamber on the estimates of his department, M. Louis Rollin, Minister of the Mercantile Marine, said that the French to-day ranked sixth among the merchant navies of the world. Her merchant tonnage now totalled 3,400,000 tons, compared with 2,900,000 tons in 1913. Forty-one per cent. of French imports were now carried under the French flag, as against 22 per cent. in 1913. He would like to see this figure 50 per cent. The French merchant marine must be expanded.

Thanks to Government advances, orders for 330,000 tons had been given since July, 1928. Of these, 90,000 tons had been placed in Great Britain and 40,000 tons in Germany. Present plans allowed for the building of 60 liners in the next 18 or 20 years, but the difficulty was that the French shipyards could not undertake the orders even with Government assistance, because their overhead expenses were too high—twice as high as the British.

M. Rollin added that he had asked the National Economic Council to open a wide inquiry into the general condition of the French mercantile marine.

Substantial reductions in Liverpool dock rates, town dues, and haulage charges, consequent upon the Government de-rating scheme, were announced at a meeting of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board by Mr. Hugh L. Roxburgh, chairman of the Finance Committee. These reductions will have the effect of considerably cheapening the port of Liverpool, particularly for the importation of goods, while important concessions are granted to oil tankers visiting the Mersey.

INDIAN COASTAL SHIPPING
New Delhi.—The Coastal Reservation Bill, the object of which is the protection of the Indian Mercantile Marine, especially as regards coastal trade, is to be circulated again in the Legislative Assembly, as reported by the Committee for the purpose of obtaining a further opinion on it by April 30 this year.

Mr. S. N. Hajji, the author of the Bill, explained that the reason for this procedure was that, while the Assembly did not at present consist of the normal complement which was necessary for the discussion of the important issues raised in Committee, a full House was expected after the coming by-elections, which could not take place until after the last day allotted to unofficial members this season. Unless it was re-circulated now Mr. Hajji urged the Bill would lapse. No speeches were made, either by unofficial members or on behalf of the Government, the House merely agreeing to the re-circulation.

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All Claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underinsured on or before 24th March, 1930, or they will not be recognised. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on 17th March, 1930, at 10 a.m.

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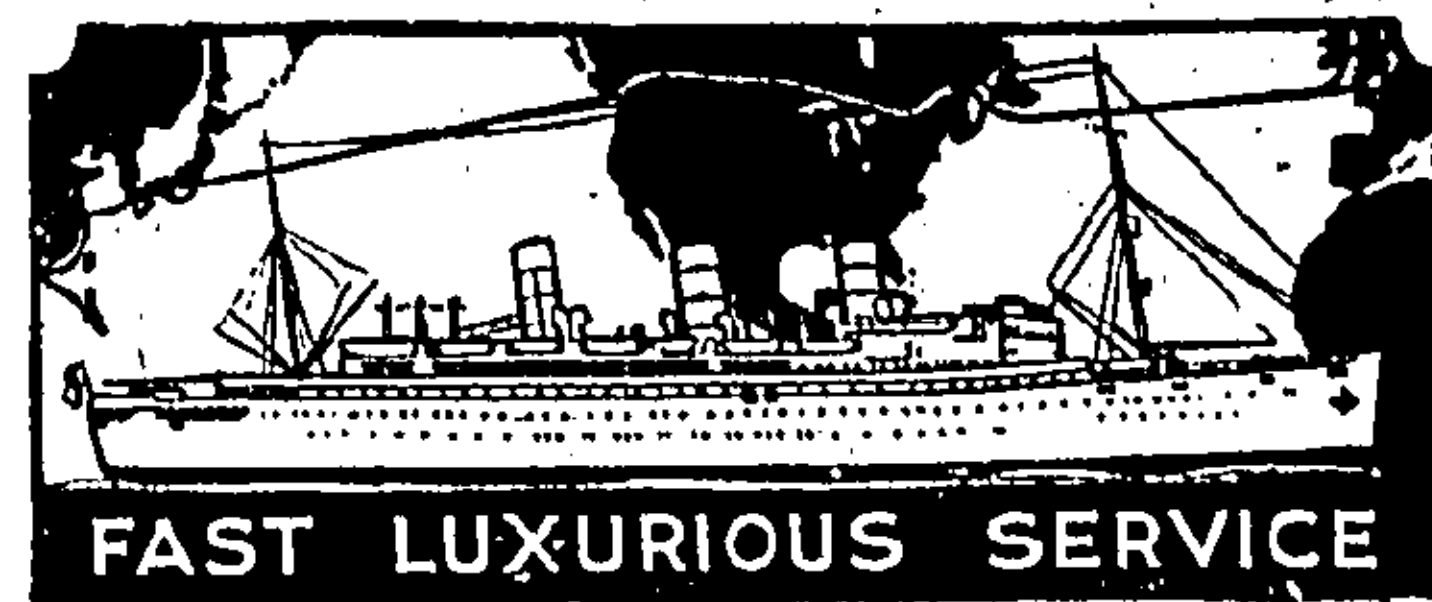
North Arm: Kent. West Wall: Suffolk. In Dock: Herald. No. 7 Buoy: Somme.

Foreign men-o-war in port were:—U.S. gunboat Mindanao. French Gunboat Vigilante.

U.S. DESTROYERS COMING

Information has been received that the 30th Division of U.S. Destroyers will arrive from Manila about April 2 or 3. The division is composed of the following ships:—McCormick, Edsall, Parrott, MacLeish, Simpson, Bulmer. Comdr. S. S. Brown, Divisional Commander, is in the McCormick. They are due to stay for a few days.

H.M.S. Bruce, Scorpion, Stormcloud, and Sirdar will sail for Manila to-day.



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*MIRZAPUR	6,715	26th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SHIRALA	7,841	6th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*BELTANA	—	8th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KHYBER	9,114	9th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKLIWA	7,936	8th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NELLORE	6,853	8th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MANTUA	10,946	25th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	28th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*LALORE	5,204	5th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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His Excellency Admiral Sir
A. K. Wastell, K.C.B., Commander-
in-Chief of the China station, who
arrived by H.M.S. Kent from Hong
Kong, landed at Johnston's Pier,
Singapore, on March 4, in the
morning.

He was received by the Colonial
Secretary (the Hon. Mr. John
Scott), H.E. Major-General H. L.
Pritchard (the G.O.C.), Captain
Freyburg (Master Attendant) and
Captain Thomson (Officer in
Charge of the Naval Base). Re-
presentatives of the Army, Navy,
and Air Force, members of the
Executive and Legislative Councils,
and heads of Government Depart-
ments were also present.

A guard of honour from the 2nd
Battalion of the Welch Regiment
awaited His Excellency on the
Pier, and the usual salute was
given as he landed.

His Excellency, who is paying an
annual official visit, has been in
command of the China station
since 1929. He commanded
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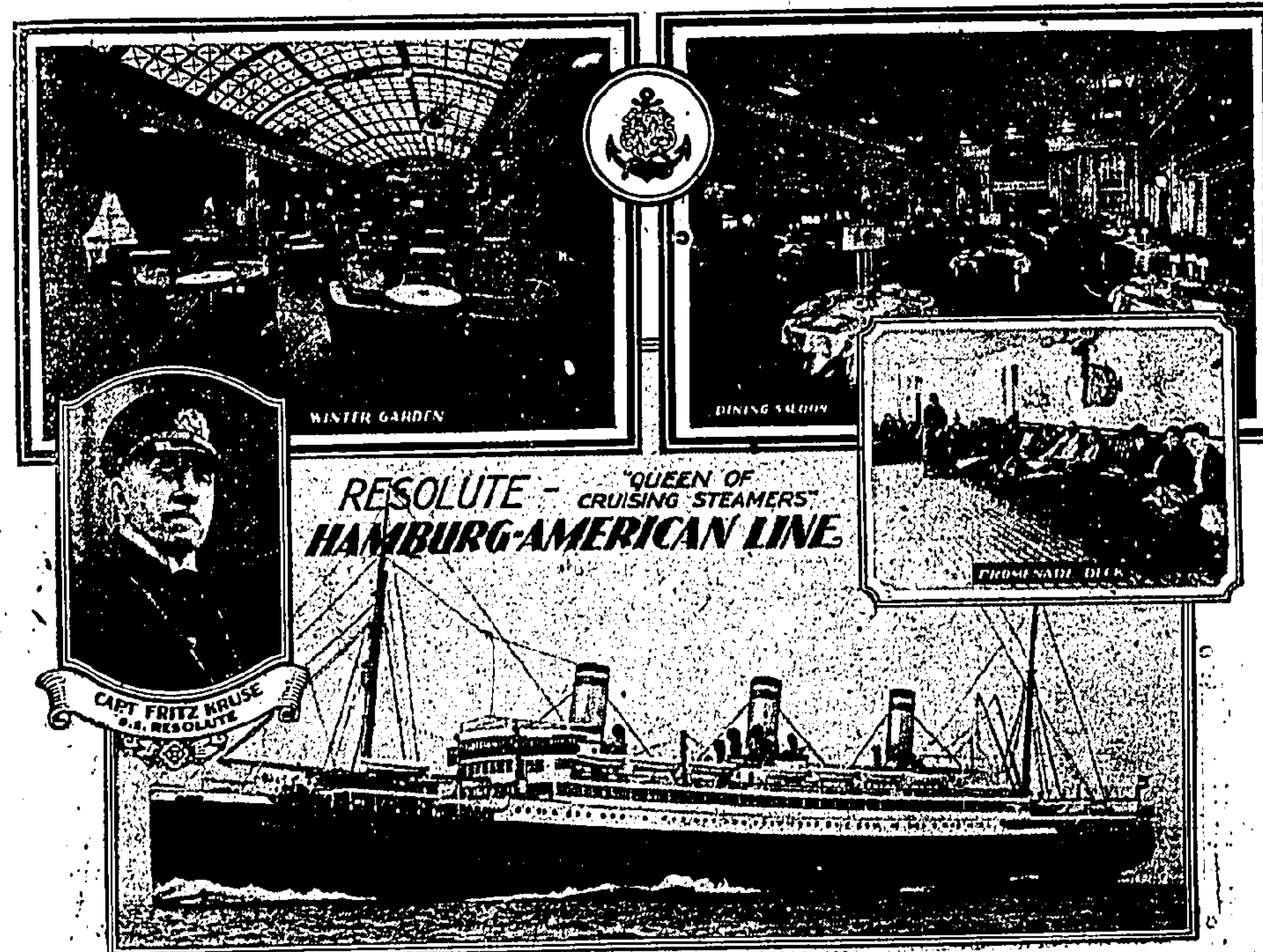
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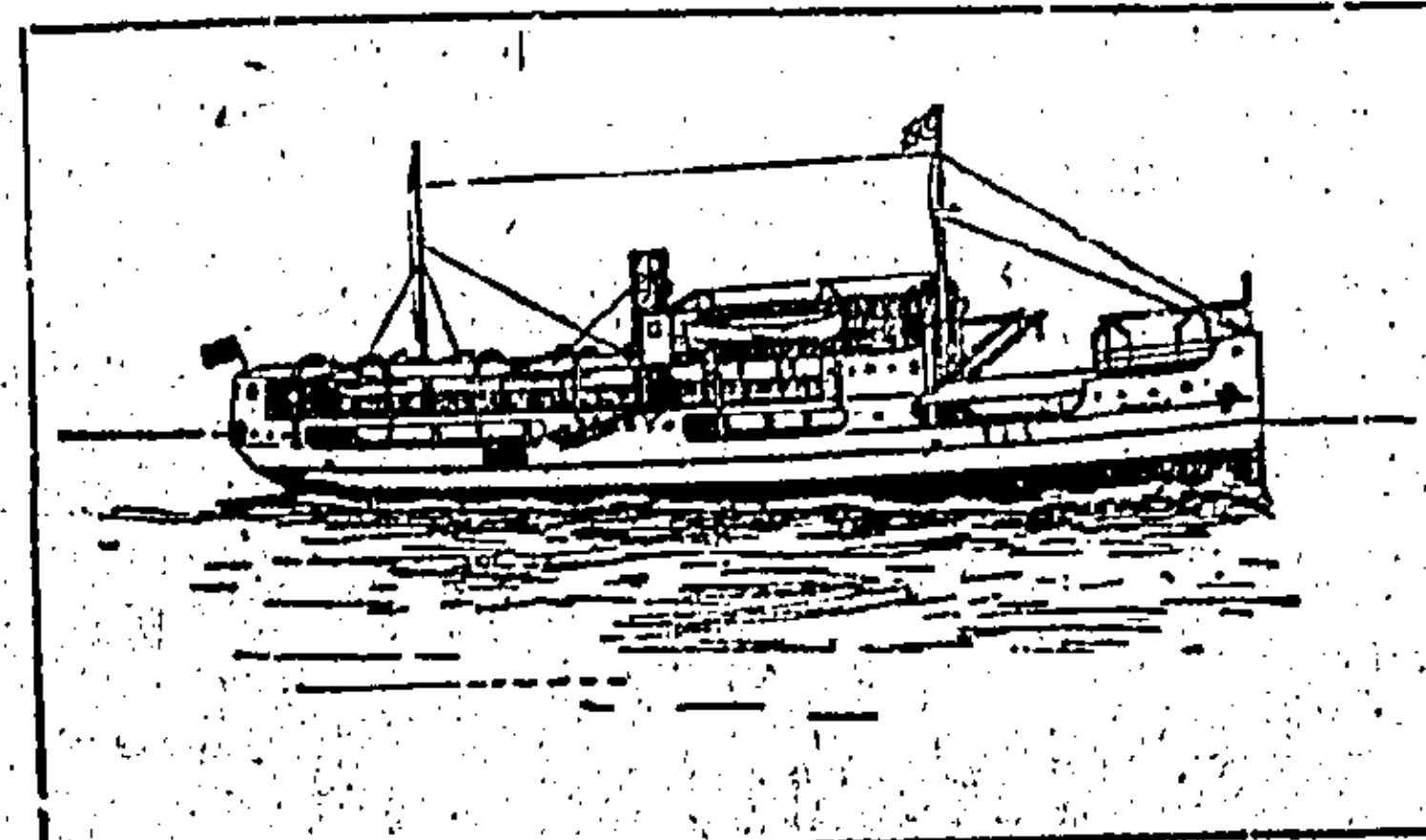
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STILL WATERS

Sweeps During the last annual Race Meeting.
Seizure the Police worked unduly hard in carrying

out raids on several Chinese Clubs for the purpose of preventing them from running sweepstakes on the races. Those Clubs and Associations, as well as one of the leading department stores, who came under the Police ban, were prosecuted and in every case a fine was imposed. While we admired the strenuous work put in by the Police, some people at the same time have been asking why the Police should go so far and work so hard to make those seizures, when right within the precincts of the Central Police Headquarters such cash sweep tickets were sold? And, again, why were some Clubs and Associations allowed to run a sweep and some not? Can the Inspector-General of Police inform the public, through the medium of the Press, how and why he makes discriminations? In the evidence given in the last two cases at the Magistracy it was mentioned that the Clubs prosecuted had not received permission to run a sweep. But what qualification must a Club or Association have before the necessary permit be granted to them?

The law on this point, Ambiguous Law as the learned Magistrate pointed out, was most anomalous. We go so far as to say that it is also ambiguous. In section E of the Gaming Ordinance,

it is stated: "Any place in which lottery tickets are sold, procured, or distributed, or any place in which money or money's worth in connection with a lottery is paid or distributed, shall be deemed to be kept for the purpose of a lottery." Under this section even the Central Police Headquarters could have been incriminated. The ambiguity of the Ordinance may be gleaned from Par. 3 of the same Ordinance in which it states: "A place which is used as an ordinary social Club to which the public at large have no access, shall not be deemed a common gaming house, etc." And yet the places raided by the Police were Clubs.

There are, however, too many "twists" in the Ordinance for it to be free from anomaly or ambiguity. Then, again, there is the all-embracing section—B of Par. 7—in which it states that: "Every person who buys any lottery tickets shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding \$25." One could only say that if this section were strictly enforced, nearly two-thirds of the population would have been charged during Race Week.—Happily, they were not!

In view of the 'Not Suitable' fact that all for Comment the newspapers in this Colony reproduced Sir Cecil Clementi's communique on his action regarding the Kuomintang in Malaya the following from the Straits Times makes curious reading: "If the publication of an item is held to be against the public interest its suppression becomes a matter of duty. Even here the problem is not quite so simple as might appear at first glance and before effective action is possible much more than local co-operation is necessary. A very recent case in point may be cited. A few days ago His Excellency the Governor adopted a certain course of action in regard to the local organisation of the Kuomintang. A communique was issued from Government House to all newspapers. The incident aroused considerable interest locally and was commented upon freely. We—the editorial 'we' must here be referred only to the Straits Times—hesitated before deciding that, although the matter was one of considerable importance, it was not a fit subject for newspaper comment. The question is very complicated and one badly expressed thought might have had a definite reaction against public interest.

pressed thought might have had a definite reaction against public interest.

The reward of our Silence! we were compelled to publish a report

of remarks made in the House of Commons by the honourable and gallant member for Central Hull, remarks such as no person having the slightest acquaintance with existing local conditions would have been foolish enough to utter. Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy has blundered frequently in his references to various political happenings outside the country in which he lives. It is probable that he has quite forgotten many of the incidents long before his words have had their usually harmful effect in countries where the people are powerless to silence him.

For those who Kehworthy's are misguided "Fame" enough to attach undue importance to the passage

between Commander Kenworthy and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies we may remark that the Labour member for Central Hull is famed for the quantity rather than the quality of his questions in the House. Their number has reached such proportions to become a regular standby of the humorous papers. He is also a very good boxer. We know of only one person, however, who regards Commander Kenworthy as possessing in a marked degree the makings of a statesman. And that person is the member for Central Hull. We could, of course, have scrapped the cable reporting the incident but isolated action is utterly useless in such circumstances.

News in Brief

Capt. A. Torrible, a popular Yangtze skipper, retired recently from Butterfield and Swire's after 28 years' service—22 of them in command.

It is notified that, at the expiration of three months from date the Hong Kong and Japan Estate Company, Limited will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register of companies and be dissolved.

The annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will be carried out by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) on the Murray Parade Ground on March 27 at 5.15 p.m.

Yesterday afternoon the Staff of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. gave a tea party in honour of Mr. J. L. McPherson, on the occasion of his completing 25 years as General Secretary. Mr. McPherson was presented with a beautiful lacquered desk set.

A Chinese married woman of 149, Reclamation Street, 2nd floor was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with putting lysoi into a drink intended for her daughter-in-law. Det. Inspector Fallon prosecuted, and His Worship ordered a remand.

The newly opened Kowloon Branch of the Helena May Institute held its first musical entertainment last evening. The artistes, included Mr. J. Braga (violinist), Miss Carrie Braga (pianist), Madame Carola (soprano). Instrumental items were contributed by Mrs. Arnold, Miss C. Braga, and Mr. J. Braga.

There will be a Ballad Concert at the Helena May Institute on Thursday March 20, at 5.30 p.m. Items by Mrs. K. V. B. Benfield, Mrs. G. Thoson, Mrs. R. Sanger, Mrs. O. C. Womack, Mr. R. A. Green, Miss Acheson, Mrs. A. R. H. Phillips and Mr. F. Mason. Tickets 50 cents. Members, 30 cents. Soldiers and sailors in uniform and children half price. Teas must be booked in advance.—Adv.

That there is a prospect of an amicable settlement of the matrimonial difficulties of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Soares, was indicated at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith (Magistrate) mentioned that Miss Soares, the defendant's sister, had said that she was willing to leave her brother's house, which would lead to a settlement of the affair. The summons was accordingly adjourned for a week.

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Changes in the System

I would now refer to the subject of the replacement by the Company of its overhead wires by underground cables in accordance with the terms of the Telephone Ordinance, and I feel sure shareholders will be gratified to learn that not only have all overhead wires in the City of Victoria been replaced, wherever practicable, by underground cables, but, following a progressive policy, similar replacement has been extended to districts outside the City limits.

The completion of this work has only been rendered possible by the adoption of an intensive reconstruction programme and by the expenditure of large sums on new underground ducts and cables—1,076.53 circuit miles of underground cable and 49,431 circuit miles of covered distribution having been laid down during the year under review. In addition, a new submarine cable, providing a further 100 channels of communication between Hong Kong and Kowloon, was successfully laid in the early part of the year, and 464 additional exchange lines were connected up which, I think you will agree, is extremely satisfactory.

The improved service to subscribers, resulting from the developments just outlined, is very apparent from the records kept by your Company, although the full benefits will not be derived until after the change to automatic working, when it will be possible to disassociate entirely the old plant from the new. At present these two plants must be interconnected in order to provide uninterrupted service under both the old and new systems.

Automatic Phones

This brings me to the subject of the date of change-over to automatic working. You will not doubt recollect that when I addressed you at the last annual meeting, I expressed the opinion that, subject to shipments coming forward as promised by the contractor, the change-over would be effected before the date of the present meeting. Unfortunately, very considerable delays occurred in connection with the shipment of various portions of the automatic equipment, but the whole of the apparatus is now to hand and has been installed in the Exchange premises, and we are promised by the contractor that the same will be tested out ready for operation not later than the last week in April.

The work of connecting all the existing subscribers' lines to the new automatic exchanges and the conversion of the magnetic apparatus in subscribers' premises has now been completed and has satisfactorily passed the customary tests. This work has been of very considerable magnitude, but notwithstanding its intricacy, has been carried out with a comparatively small amount of interference with the normal operation of the service. A large amount of work will remain to be performed after the change of system, namely, the cutting away of the underground cable connection to the old Exchanges and the elimination of the magnetic operating feature from the telephone instruments, but this work will be so carried out as to cause the minimum of inconvenience to subscribers.

Co-Operation Urged

I would ask all subscribers to co-operate closely with the Company—particularly during the few days before and after the change-over—in order that the inauguration of the new system may be smoothly accomplished and the full benefits of automatic operation made immediately available to the telephone public. Subscribers can best do this by paying careful attention to the instructions issued by the Company for their guidance and by taking the opportunity of visiting the interesting demonstration models which the Company has specially constructed to provide full operating instruction to telephone users.

Canton Trunk Line Shareholders will be interested to learn that very definite progress has been made in the negotiations for the establishment of a trunk telephone service between Hong Kong and Canton, and, subject to Government approval of the project, it is possible that the trunk service will be inaugurated in approximately one year from date. If the work is carried out in the manner contemplated by your Company, it should result in 24 lines, operating on a no-delay basis, being available for telephone calls between the two cities. These lines will be carried in a special underground cable, and consequently there should be no interruption to the service even during the worst weather condition. A service operating on these lines should prove an inestimable boon to merchants in Hong Kong and Canton, who would then be able to get into direct and immediate communication with each other for their transaction of business.

In the trunk cable referred to, it is the intention of your Company to make provision for the installation of lines to Swatow at a later date, as your Company feels that with the rapid strides now being made in the field of long-distance telephony, it will only be a question of time before telephone service between Hong Kong and all important cities in China, and eventually beyond, will become an accomplished fact.

I now formally propose that the report of the Directors and the account for the financial year ended December 31, 1929, as presented be adopted, with the appropriations shown in Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, and that the balance of \$142,627.97, remaining at credit of that Account, be appropriated as follows:—Payment of a final dividend of 4 per cent, making a total of 8 per cent, for the year, \$91,992.70; carry forward to next account, \$30,635.27.

The proposal to accept the Report and Accounts, which was seconded by Mr. J. P. Warren, was carried unanimously.

Other Business

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Mr. D. H. Blake, retiring Directors, were re-elected on the motion of Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded by Mr. D. H. Tolan.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors on the motion of Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded by Mr. D. H. Tolan.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The chairman stated that dividend warrants are now ready and may be obtained on application at the Registered Office of the Company.

Supporting the Chairman were Mr. J. H. Taggart (Managing Director), the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.C., LL.D., Messrs. R. G. Shewan, J. P. Warren (Directors), Mr. J. P. Sherry (Manager) and Mr. W. L. McKenzie, A.C.A. (Secretary).

PREHISTORIC AXE

Find by Workmen When Roadmaking

A battleaxe, stated to be 2,500 years old, has been found by workmen while making a new road near Schwechat, in Lower Austria.

The axe is of fine workmanship and has decorative designs scratched on its surface. It is highly polished.

In the neighbourhood the remains of a Roman villa have been unearthed and an empty Roman grave has been found.

Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones has been appointed District Officer, Northern and Southern Districts, New Territories, with effect from March 16.

Mrs. James Rutland, Lord Ashfield's eldest daughter, who married Mr. James H. Rutland in June 1927, gave birth to a son and heir at their home in South Street, Park Lane, W.

Mr. Sidney Harold Freeth, aged 26, who had been in ill-health for some years, was found dead in his home in Wood Street, near Guildford, Surrey, having apparently shot himself in the head with a sporting gun.

Ten Years Ago

(From the "China Mail" March 15, 1920.)

To-day's dollar is worth 4/- 11 1/4d.

The Hong Kong man will get angry with the riksha coolie who expects and asks ten cents for a five cent fare. He accuses his tailor of profiteering, and raves about increased rents. He cannot see why tobacco should be so infernally dear. His boy's request for a rise of wages appears to him unreasonable. He looks upon the extra charge for theatre tickets as an imposition. The high cost of living is what he calls a scandal. Yet he will go to a house with a Big Number and pay five dollars for a drink he doesn't want, as cheerfully as anything.

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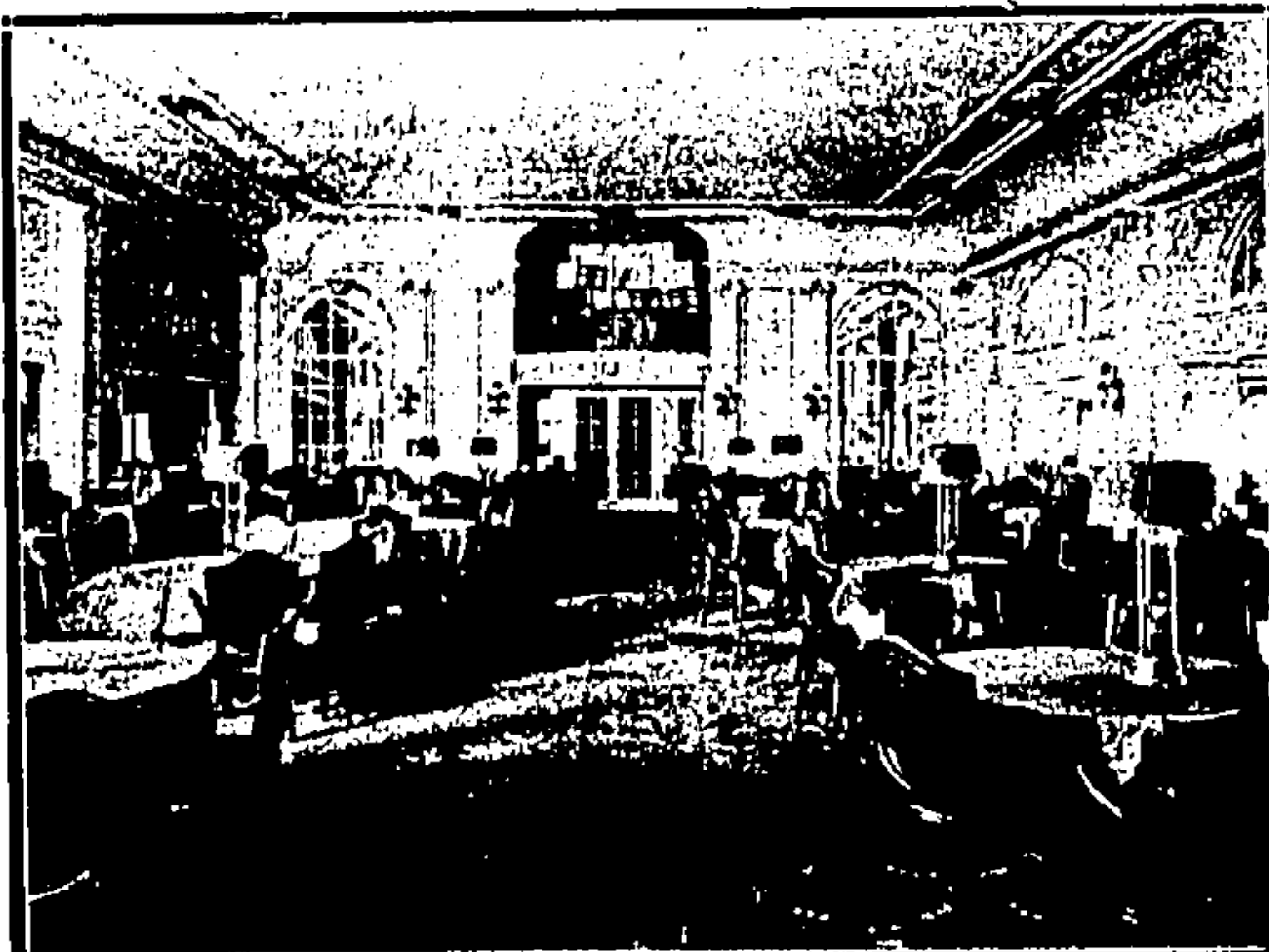
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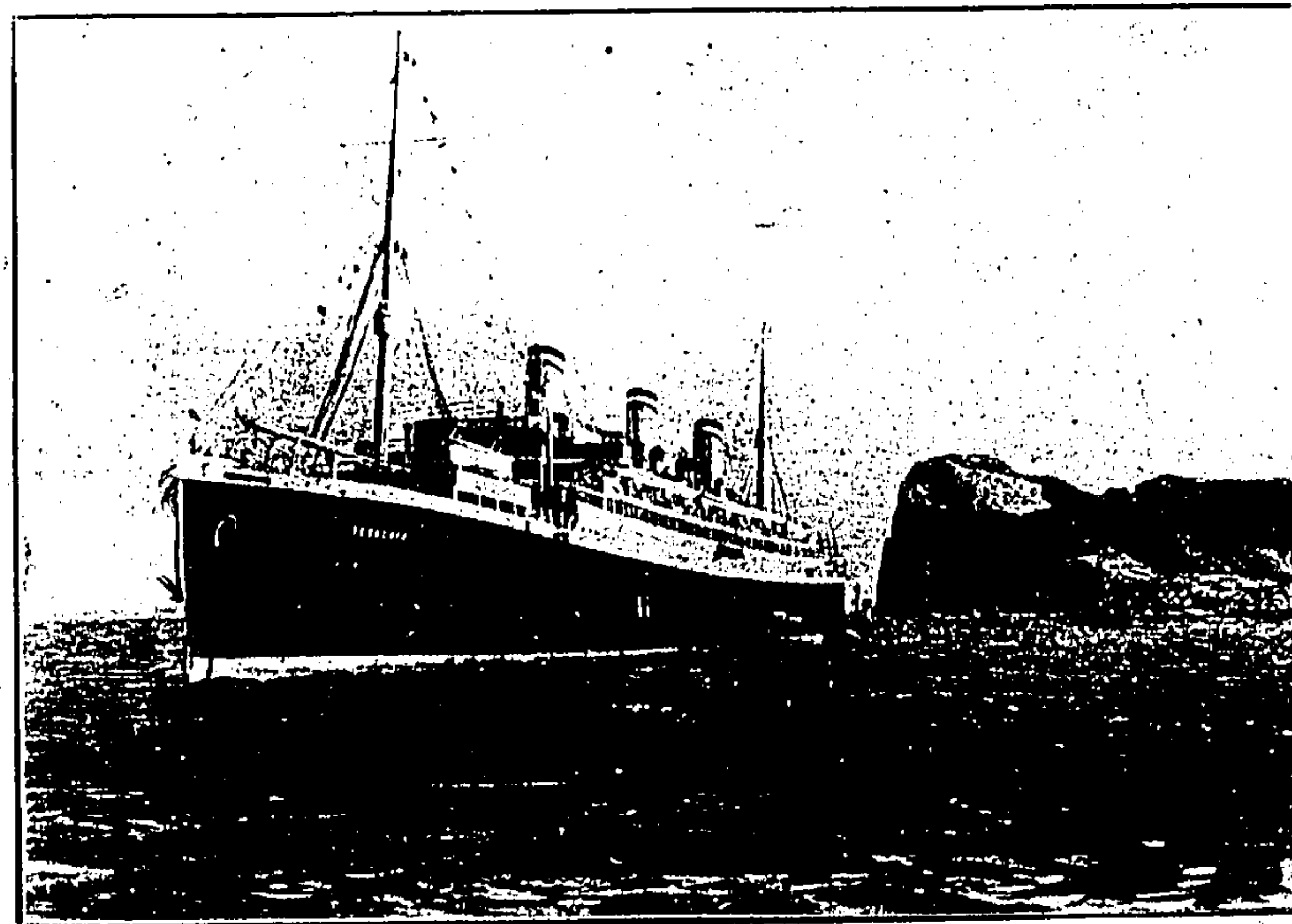
HONG KONG WEDDING.—Mr. R. G. Robertson, of the Prison Department, Hong Kong, and Miss Ivy Clementine Maul Van Dooren, who were married at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, on March 3. — (Welcome Studio).



(Above).—THEY LOOK HAPPY.—A merry group of dancers, in a variety of picturesque costumes, who attended the S.P.C.A. masked ball at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday last. — (K. Fujiyama).



DINING ROOM on board the triple-screw de-luxe steamer Resolute, of the Hamburg-America Linie, coming to Hong Kong on March 26.



(Above).—The triple-screw de-luxe steamer "Resolute" of the Hamburg-America Linie, off Gibraltar. This vessel is on a world cruise and is coming to Hong Kong on March 26.



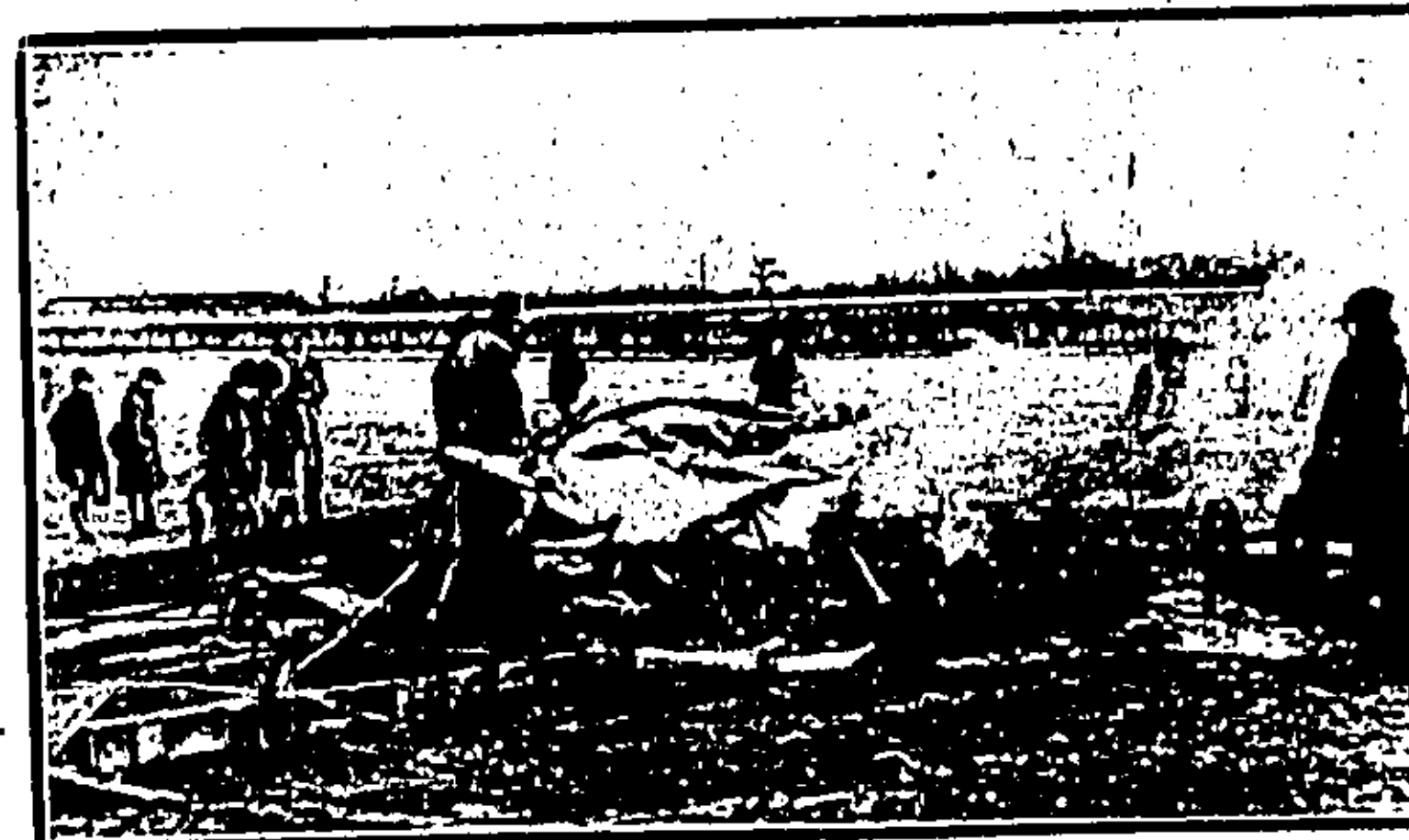
PENINSULA BAND.—Members of the Peninsula Hotel Orchestra at the S.P.C.A. fancy dress ball at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday last. — (K. Fujiyama).



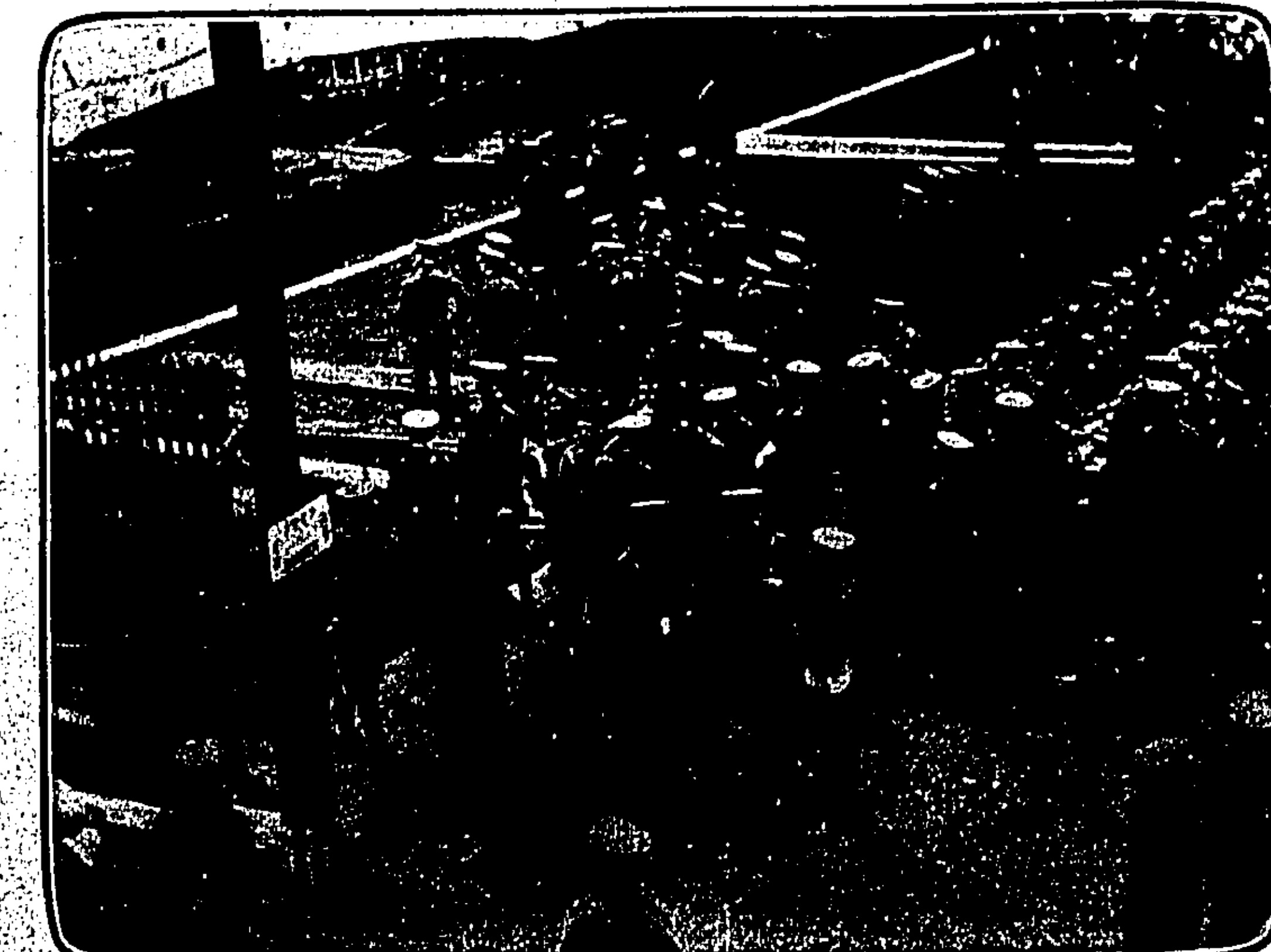
THE "NOTABLES." — Members of the "Notables" party at S.P.C.A. masked, fancy-dress ball at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday last. — (K. Fujiyama).



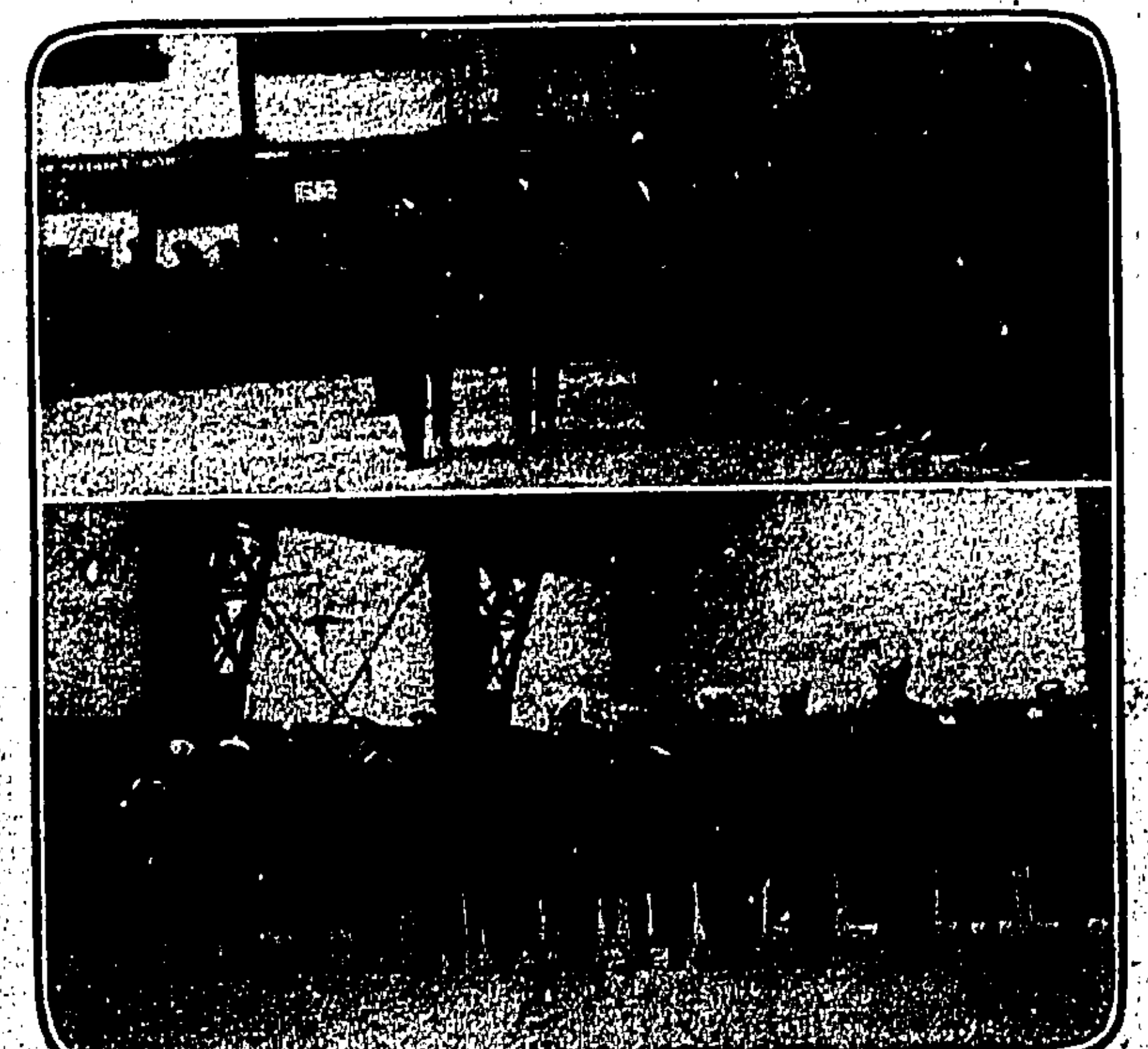
A MIGHTY EFFORT.—Athletics Inter-College sports at Finner's ground, Cambridge, between Emmanuel and Queen's Colleges. A mighty effort by E. W. Evans, who is seen winning the Long Jump at 21ft. 9 ins. — (Sport and General).



(At left). — HONEYMOON COUPLE DEAD. — Two passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hodges, returning from a honeymoon trip, were killed, and the pilot, mechanic, steward and another passenger injured, when a French Goliath Air Liner from Paris crashed at Marden, Kent, on February 10, on its way to London. The pilot was attempting to land on the emergency aerodrome near Marden, when the machine suddenly nosedived, crashed to the ground, and burst into flames. — (Sport and General).



DEPARTURE OF THE WILTSHIRE REGIMENT.—The second battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment sailed from Shanghai aboard H.M.T. Neuralla. Photograph was taken at the Old Ningpo Wharf, before embarking. — (Photo by Ah Fong).



POLICE PARADE AT DRILL HALL.—The S.V.O. Drill Hall, Shanghai, was the scene of the presentation of medals to several members of the Shanghai Municipal Police by Mr. H. E. Arnold, Chairman of the Council, at a big parade of the Police Force. Upper: Mr. Arnold inspecting the ranks. Lower: Some recipients of the medals. — (Photo by Ah Fong).



The WOMAN'S Page



COLOUR PROBLEM

A Passion with Most Women

Edward H. Symonds, Managing Director of Reville, the World-famous House of Fashion, writes:

The colour problem is seriously occupying the minds of people in all parts of the world.

If colour were only to please men the problem would be simple. All men like blue, and most have no objection to brown. Beyond that the ordinary husband finds it difficult to go. He is lost among the yellow-greens, the beiges and the cyclamens. Women on the other hand have a passion for colour and are acquiring courage in its use.

The well-dressed woman is a permanent advertisement of the prosperity and generosity of her husband, and for this reason he is willing to allow her to forego the stan-

The Domino Model



This pretty hat is made in black and white Crystal straw, and on account of its strong contrast, it has been christened the "Domino" Model.—(Reslaw, London).

dark brown or blue if only she can persuade him that other women are doing the same.

For centuries there has been nothing more difficult than to find a plain fabric which is a perfect match for any of the tones in a printed fabric or a velvet. In home furnishings as in clothes, carpets, curtains and leathers, which can be honestly brought together in one room where perfect tone-relationship is desired, are hard to find, unless you can afford the expense and are prepared to wait for special dyeing.

It is hoped the remedy for this will be found by the British Colour Council. Around their basic seasonal colours the manufacturers, dyers and retailers will be welcome to ring the changes in whatever range of sub-colours they desire. The wider the range of sub-tones from light to dark—with the basic shade in the centre—the greater will be the success of the scheme for consumer, retailer and manufacturer alike.

Women should certainly pour out their blessings on any such all-embracing scheme as that, for if successful it would enable them to buy at any one shop a complete outfit from hat to shoes in as wide a range of one colour as they may fancy, and have the satisfaction of knowing that each individual colour scheme was as perfect as any Royal Academician could arrange.

Colours will not be standardised in an effort to force women to adopt a certain set of shades, to the exclusion of all others. Any such scheme would fail, for no other

DRESSES TO CHANGE MUSIC

"The new long dresses will help to change music", says Harry Tierney, composer of "Rio Rita", now doing the music for Radio Pictures "Dixiana." "Rhythms are returning to the stately tempo of the waltz and the minuet. The public is vibrating now toward better music. People are super-saturated with the dancel themes. My vision is of a day when every tune one hears won't be a fox trot." Tierney has had a career of brilliant successes with "Irene," "Kid Boots," three editions of the Follies for Florenz Ziegfeld, and numerous other musical shows. "Alice Blue Gown" is one of his song hits.

reason than the dislike of women for anything which savours of standardisation.

Even conservative man no longer buys a shirt from one department and a tie from another indiscriminately; he also demands colour-relationship, and sometimes may be more particular that his suit, collar, tie and socks are in correct tone, than any woman would be over her "ensemble."

A Young Girl's Boudoir



The decorative scheme of this modern young girl's boudoir is notable for its geometric lines. The colour scheme is grey, red, green, and the furniture is carried out in panelling of ash and oak and cellulosed silver.—(Waring & Gillow, London).

FASHIONS FOR SPRING



Above are illustrated some new and fascinating styles adapted to the various occasions of smart modern life. They offer a new period of discrimination—fashions so intelligently varied that they provide the appropriate costume for every hour of the day—individual styles for morning, afternoon, evening and night. Every question of length, silhouette, sleeve, neckline and style detail is answered in this comprehensive collection. The fashions sketched present an accurate picture of the Spring mode—illustrating when and how they are worn with certain fashion-correctness.

For Morning—Dresses, suits or coats of the tailored type with skirts four to five inches below the knee.
For Afternoon—Coats with dressing details—Dresses of soft lines—short sleeves. Slightly dipping or even hemlines, thirteen inches from the floor.
For Evening—Long trailing lines—in dresses. Flares and softly draped wraps.
For Night—Gowns and negligees that follow dress silhouettes—of sheer silks—black and pastels important.

MEDLEY OF GARMENTS

Many women ruin their appearance by a medley of garments. The frock, the shoes, the hat, bear no relation to one another. Fashion insists on a perfect colour harmony. Of course every woman cannot afford to buy accessories to match every frock in her possession, but many women make the mistake of buying an ensemble that will not go with anything else in their wardrobe. Ask yourself when you are buying a hat, a bag or some other item "Will it go with anything else?" and you will save yourself a lot of unnecessary expense and your appearance will benefit immeasurably.

Proper clothes, carefully selected and adapted to one's figure and personality will turn a drab looking woman into a radiant creature. Becoming clothes have a psychological effect, and there is nothing as good as the knowledge that one is smartly and becomingly dressed to completely annihilate an inferiority complex.

WASHING EMBROIDERY

The only certain way to find out whether an embroidery is going to stand the strain of washing is to take a thread of every material used—say silk, wool, and cotton—and test these strands by washing them in hot water and soap. If this is satisfactory, then proceed with care and confidence. Confidence is just as necessary as discretion on the affair will be bungled. The best soap to use is white curd, because this has no soda. Make a good lather of soap and hot (not boiling) water and dip the embroidery in, not rubbing it, but gently pressing it with both hands, washing it as you would a baby's flannels. Rinse in several lukewarm waters till no trace of soap is left. Never under any circumstances wring an embroidered article. Fold it in a thick white towel, then trample the water out by walking on it as the peasant women do. Use two or three towels

BACK TO FRONT

How to Wear Your Hat

If you hear a moan coming from the doors of the drapers' shops during the next few months, you will know that it is the modern flapper, who has been used to making a frock out of a couple of yards and a bit, sighing over the necessity for purchasing twice and three times that length of material in order to be in the fashion.

But there is one way in which the young things can relieve a little, the high cost of fashion. Already, they have discovered that by turning their hats back to front smartness will result.

The narrow brim at the back has characterised all the headgear for some time past; now the milliners have decided that all the brim must be at the back in order to show our eyes to the world. But the flapper wasn't to be diddled as easily as that, so she simply turned all her felt models round about. The result is as charming as it is inexpensive.

until all the moisture has been pressed out.

Dry it in this way. Should the embroidery be a cushion cover or about that size, pin a thick wedge of white blotting-paper to the back-board. Should it be a cloth, pin it to a deal table. The inside door of the store cupboard answers splendidly for a frock or dressing gown. Stretch the embroidery as tightly as possible over its blotting-paper, pinning it down well with drawing pins. Leave it stretched and drying overnight, and next morning there will be a beautiful clean, crisp piece of needlework waiting, as fresh and fine as when the last stitches were taken. There is no need to touch it with an iron.—E. B. in Manchester Guardian.

SLAVES TO FASHION

Too many women get a general idea of what is in vogue but fail to adapt these ideas to their own personalities. Their slavishness to ideas that do not suit their figure or their personality turns the would-be fashion-plate into a ridiculous parody. If a phase of the season's fashions does not suit your type, by modifying it to a certain extent so as to do this will give you that touch of individuality that will set you apart from the stereotyped uniformity of the rest. Perhaps fashion decrees green to be the smart shade. Perhaps green in bulk does not suit you. The woman who wants to look different gets, say, a black frock and by deft touches of this same green here and there and perhaps a touch in her hat and bag, is lifted out of the ordinary in smartness.

Many women have a longing to look different from other women and not merely products of a mass production scheme, but they will not take the trouble to think things out. The purpose of fashion news is merely to inform, and fashion information like any other advice is meant to be absorbed and adapted to suit the problem of each individual.

Overdressing is a common crime

LONG-HAIR AGAIN

The transition of milady's tresses from the bobbed to the long-haired variety has been made almost painless by a recent innovation of Fay Wray, Paramount player.

Miss Wray calls her creation the coiffure-turban, for it covers the entire head in crushed lines to simulate the natural waves of the hair. The turbans terminate at the back in coils or chignons adding to their chic imitation of woman's greatest glory.

For evening wear, Miss Wray selects a coiffure-turban in white tulle, crushed snugly to the head and ending in a perfect chignon. For dinner and theatre occasions she dons brown velvet, almost the exact shade of her own hair, that uses two smart coils low on the neck.

against fashion. It is simplicity that distinguishes a smart woman from a dowdy one. The woman of poor taste thinks she is well dressed if she is elaborately dressed. The really smart woman never falls into this error. She knows that real chic lies in the lines of a frock rather than on its trimmings, and her money is spent on material and cut.

WOMAN & TROUSERS

Queer Issue in Paris Lawsuit

Paris, February 26.

The question as to woman's right to wear trousers was discussed in a Paris Court this afternoon for four hours.

The Court, after hearing the views of lawyers, both men and women, reserved its decision for eight days.

Violette Morris, the French motorist sportswoman, claimed £8,000 damages from the French Feminine Sporting Federation because she was struck off the membership list on the grounds that it was alleged that she persisted in wearing men's trousers.

In Court, Violette Morris was dressed in a man's suit of striped blue with her hair closely cut.

Millie Nether, representing the sporting organisation, said there

Smart Creation



A smart creation with a jaunty knot in front.—(Reslaw, London).

was the delicate question of the influence which a striking personality like Violette Morris might have on the young girls in the Federation.

HATS REVEAL FOREHEADS

The forehead, so long submerged beneath curls and hatbrims, has at last come out of concealment. From eyebrows to hairline, foreheads are revealed by coiffures and hats. Mary Brian wears three chic millinery models for her role in Paramount's production, "Burning Up." One in crushed raspberry velvet boasts a large brim that turns up at the front and cascades to smart length at the back. For smart street wear a beige felt is used, but its small brim starts in the very middle of the crown and descends just back of the ears. A turban of black velvet is crushed becomingly off the forehead, and terminated at the back in a long pointed bow.

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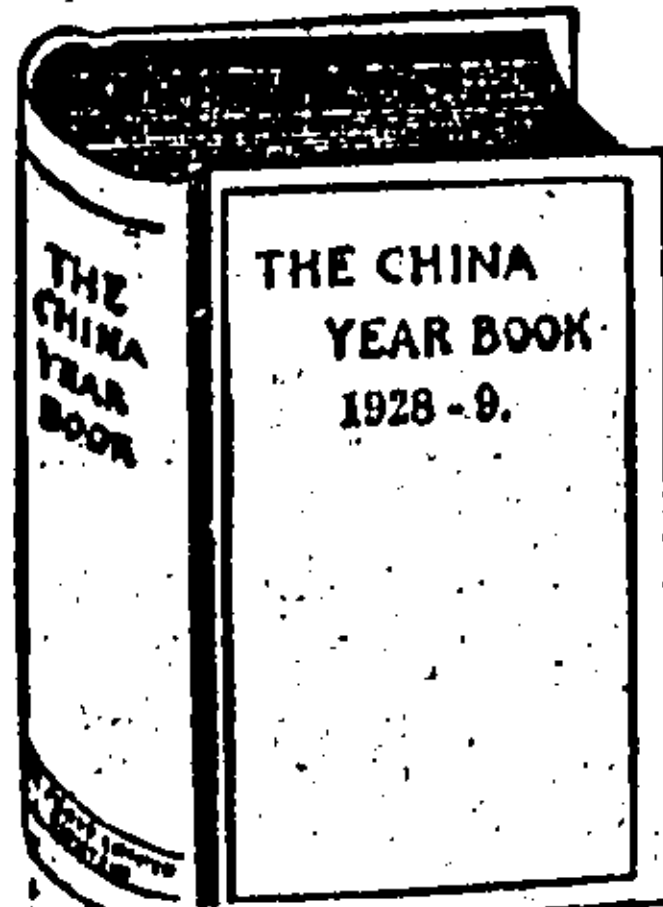
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ROSIE OUT AN' I AIN'T EVEN GOT A
NICKEL TO PHONE
AN' TELL HER I
CAN'T TAKE HER OUT
TO NIGHT.

SAY-ED-GOT A
NICKEL?

DO YOU THINK I'D BE READIN'
YESTERDAY'S PAPER IF I HAD
A NICKEL? IF I HAD THAT
MUCH I'D BUY SOME
STOCK IN WALL STREET.

GEE-NONE OF
THOSE GUYS IN
THAT BOARDIN'
HOUSE EVER
HAVE MONEY.
GEE! I WISH I
HAD A NICKEL.

HELLO-DICK- WILL YOU
LEND ME A NICKEL?

SURE-BUT I MUST HAVE IT
BACK BY SATURDAY AS
I'LL NEED IT.

HELLO- IS THIS
YOU-ROSIE?

IT IS NOT-THIS IS THE
DOG AND CAT HOSPITAL-
YOU GOT THE WRONG
NUMBER.

GEE WHIZ-AND
THE NICKEL IS
GONE.

Bringing Up Father

MOTHER-DO YOU KNOW
THAT TO-DAY IS
DADDY'S BIRTHDAY?

SO IT IS- I'M GLAD
YOU REMINDED ME
OF IT- HURRY-GET
ON YOUR THINGS-
WE MUST GO
RIGHT DOWN
TOWN.

OH-DEAR-I'LL
NEED SOME
MONEY.

I NEED SOME
MYSELF
MOTHER.

I SUPPOSE I'LL
HAVE TO PAY
FOR MY OWN
PRESENT.

DEAR-LET ME HAVE
ONE HUNDRED
DOLLARS-HURRY-
PLEASE-

I'LL SEE IF I
GOT IT.

WE'LL BE BACK
SOON-DON'T GO
OUT.

VERY WELL-
MAGGIE-
DARLIN'.

IT'LL COST ME
A HUNDRED-
BUT I COULD
NOT REFUSE
'EM.

BY GOLLY- THEY GOT
THEM PRESENTS
QUICK ENOUGH-
HERE COMES A
MESSENGER
WITH SOME
PACKAGES.

THESE ARE C-O-O-D- SIR-
THE LADIES SAID THEY
DIDN'T HAVE
ENOUGH
MONEY.

YOU
HAVEN'T
SAID A
FUNNY
THING
YET.

WELL-IT'S COST ME ENOUGH-
GEE! I WISH THEY'D COME
HOME-I MUST ACT AS IF
I DON'T KNOW ITS MY
BIRTHDAY- HERE THEY
COME NOW.

AH! THE PACKAGES
ARE ALL HERE-

YES-I CAN HARDLY
WAIT TO OPEN
THEM.

THIS IS
YOUR
PACKAGE.

ARE ALL THE
PACKAGES
HERE,
MOTHER?

DON'T THIS DRESS
FIT LOVELY? I
WISH I HAD
BOUGHT
MORE.

LOOK-MOTHER- ISN'T
THIS A LOVELY RAIN
COAT? WE GOT
WONDERFUL
BARGAINS-

BIRTH-DAY-
BAH!



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WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY "NATIONAL."—There was a record entry for the fourth women's national cross-country championship held at Stacey Hill Farm, Wolverton, Bucks., over a very severe course of 2 miles 7 furlongs. The 130 starters represented 17 teams and 8 individual entrants.—(Sport and General).



A NASTY SPILL.—The Oxford v. Cambridge Inter-Varsity motor trial started from Tring, Herts., on February 15, and covered a course of 82 miles, including the Chiltern Hills. Cars, motor cycles and three-wheelers took part in the event. E. S. Chapman (Cambridge) has a nasty crash at Lewknor Hill, on a "Veloette".—(Sport and General).



A FINE LEAP.—The match between England and the rest at Ilford Football Club ground, Ilford, Essex, on

February 1, resulted in a heavy defeat for England by seven goals to nil. Millington (the Rest goalkeeper) makes a gigantic leap for the ball, while A. G. Daggart (England) crouching on right, waits for the sequel.—(Sport and General).



LURE OF PAUL ROBESON.—There were "Kreiser scenes" at the entrances to the Albert Hall, London, when thousands of admirers struggled to hear Paul Robeson's recital. The great negro singer is now definitely in the best "emotion" class of musicians, and enjoying so great a vogue that he has not yet attempted to vary his programme.—(Sport and General).



END OF THE MILE.—The finals of the Eton College mile were held on the Dorney Road, Eton, on February 14. The finish of the Senior Mile (final), won by Lord J. A. Hope. Note the number of camera enthusiasts amongst the schoolboys.—(Sport and General).



CHARING CROSS BRIDGE SCHEME.—To demonstrate the effect of the new Charing Cross Bridge on traffic routes Mr. John B. Thorp and his son are engaged in constructing a scale model of a part of central London for the Ministry of Transport and the London County Council. Mr. John B. Thorp at work on the model.—(Sport and General).



(Above).—**A FAVOURITE.**—Candidates prominent in the betting for the Grand National to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on Friday, March 28. Mr. J. H. Whitney's "Easter Hero" (F. Rees up).—(Sport and General).



(Above).—**A CLEAN JUMP.**—Candidates prominent in the betting for the Grand National to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on Friday, March 28, 1930. Mr. C. R. Taylor's "Grackle" (J. Maloney).—(Sport and General).



NEW SPANISH GOVERNMENT.—The first meeting of the new Cabinet which has succeeded the Dictatorship of General Primo de Rivera. Left to right: Don Leopoldo Matos, Minister of Pomento (Promotion of National Wealth), Admiral Bermejo (Naval Ministry), General Matos (Minister of the Interior), Sr. Estrada (Premier), Sr. Estrada (Minister of Finance and National Economy), and the Duke of Alba (Minister of Education and Fine Arts).—(Sport and General).



A CHEERY CROWD.—The 11th round of the Football Association Cup between West Ham United and Millwall at Upton Park, where a 24,000 crowd waxed enthusiastic when West Ham won by four goals to one.—(Sport and General).



THE SUN CRAZE.—By means of a new system of lighting devised by Mr. Rosenberg and installed in a specially built "Solarium" at Tollards Royal Hotel, Bournemouth, guests are able to benefit by the Sun-Rays at any hour. The Solarium (a specially constructed room with large windows of "Vita-Glass") is used by the guests, and when the natural supply of sunlight fails, the supply of synthetic sunshine (from the overhead lamp) is switched on.—(Sport and General).

QUEEN'S FAREWELL

Presentation to Mr. Crook

"A GREAT SCHOLAR"

Mr. A. H. Crook, O.B.E., M.A., F.R.G.S., head master of Queen's College, sailed for Home on the P. & O. s.s. Kalyan at noon to-day, after a residence of more than 27 years in Hong Kong.

As Mr. Crook has intimated that he may not return to the Colony, he was honoured by the students of Queen's College in the College Hall yesterday afternoon, when he was presented with a blackwood joss-table, a tea-tray with trestle, also of blackwood, and a bronze incense-burner.

Attached to the incense-burner, tied with ribbons in the College colours was a card bearing the following inscription:

"Mr. A. H. Crook, O.B.E., M.A., F.R.G.S. From the Pupils of Queen's College, wishing him 'bon voyage' and a pleasant holiday with his family in 'The Old Country'."

The joss-table, which was beautifully inlaid with stained Borneo wood on top, bore a small silver plate on the front inscribed thus:

"Presented to A. H. Crook, Esq., by the Students of Queen's College on the occasion of his leaving Hong Kong, March, 1930."

The tea-tray was fitted with beautiful silver handles and inlaid with pretty Chinese designs in silver at the corners, and a silver dragon in relief in the centre. Underneath the dragon was a small silver plate bearing the same inscription as on the joss-table.

All the students of the College gathered in the Hall for the presentation, which was made by the Head Prefect, Master V. Soonderam.

Supporting Mr. Crook on the dais were Mr. W. Kay second master of Queen's College, and Mr. F. J. de Rome, who will act as Head master during Mr. Crook's absence.

Before the presentation, Mr. Kay addressed the gathering. He said that they were assembled there that afternoon to wish Mr. Crook a good voyage and a very pleasant holiday at Home. At present, he said, Mr. Crook did not know whether he would come back to Hong Kong or not, but he knew that they all wished that he would.

If Mr. Crook did not come back, there were two things that they could be sure of—that Mr. Crook would always retain his interest in Queen's College, and that Queen's College would never forget Mr. Crook.

It was more than 27 years ago that Mr. Crook first came to Hong Kong—before any of the students were born, and before even Mr. Morgan (the youngest teacher in the College) was born! And Mr. Crook had taught some of the students' fathers before them.

That day they were saying goodbye not only to a very popular head master but to a friend—a very good friend of all. When their former head master (Mr. B. Tanner, I.S.O.) went away, there were many who shook their heads and said that Queen's College would never get such a popular head master again. Mr. Crook had proved to be just as popular as his predecessor, and, should he not come back, Queen's College would lose a very good head master, and Hong Kong would lose a very great scholar. Mr. Crook had been more than "just a head master" to them, because he had not only looked after their learning, but their sports, their health, and their general good behaviour.

If Mr. Crook did make up his mind to come back, he could be sure of getting a very hearty welcome. If he decided not to return, then they hoped that he would have many good and happy years with his family in his country.

No Stranger

Referring to Mr. de Rome, Mr. Kay welcomed him there that afternoon, and said that Mr. de Rome had for many years been a good head master of the Ellis Kadoorie School. Before going to the Ellis Kadoorie School, Mr. de Rome had taught at Queen's College so that he was no stranger to them. A better successor to Mr. Crook they could not hope to find, and the speaker felt sure that under Mr. de Rome's direction Queen's College would continue to flourish as it had done in the past.

Mr. Kay then called upon the head prefect to make the presentation to Mr. Crook.

Student's Tribute

Addressing Mr. Crook, Master V. Soonderam said:

"It gives me the greatest pleasure this afternoon on behalf of my fellow-students, to ask you to accept the joss-table, the tea-tray, and the incense-burner, as a token of our great regard and esteem."

"The presents have been subscribed for by the students of the school, and in asking you to accept them, we feel how inadequate they are to express our gratitude to you. Although they are of small value

yet, if gifts are valuable according to the feelings of the givers, then we hope that you will take them Home with you for the sake of the sentiments behind them.

"It is difficult for us to express in words our appreciation of what you have done for us during your term of office. We realise that you have always maintained a lofty aim of education, not merely to produce efficient clerks and business men, but to realise the initiative and inspiration of art, literature, and science.

"Your being chosen as Hong Kong's representative at the Pan Pacific Science Congress proved your great scientific knowledge, and your winning such an honour as the O.B.E., shows your sound personal character and public worth. You have endeared yourself to us all by your never-failing kindness and consideration as well as by your sympathy and cheerfulness—qualities which will make you friends wherever you go.

"Our presence in the Hall this afternoon is a sufficient proof of how we feel toward you. In bidding you 'bon voyage' and a happy holiday, we experience mingled feelings of joy and sorrow—joy because you are going Home to enjoy a well-earned leave, among your people, and sorrow because we will miss you during your absence. We feel still more sad when you say your coming back is not certain. But at any rate, we hope that you will have a very happy time at Home, and that amidst the tranquil surroundings of your home, you will always remember Queen's College in which you have spent the best part of your life.

"Mr. Crook, on behalf of my fellow-students I now ask you to accept these little presents with our deepest gratitude and our best wishes for a very pleasant voyage and a very happy holiday.

Mr. Crook's Reply

Replying, Mr. Crook said that he was letting his hearers into a secret, or a fear secret, when he told them that about 28 years ago if he had had the money he would probably have gone back by the first boat! Since that time, however, he had changed a good deal, and there had been a change in Queen's College, too, so that now it was a great wrench for him to go away.

Circumstances, Mr. Crook said, were taking him Home, but, even without them, he felt that he had earned a certain amount of relaxation to which every man was entitled. He had reached an age where he had begun to think of ceasing work—that was why he had intimated that he might not come back. But, as he had said at the prefects' dinner recently, a bad sixpence had the habit of turning up again, and they might see him back even earlier than they expected.

Referring to the lovely presents which had been so kindly given to him, Mr. Crook said that he would always treasure them as the harbingers of happy memories of Queen's College, in which as the head prefect had said, he had spent the best part of his life. But, he assured the students, he would always remember Queen's College even without tokens of that kind.

A Close Attachment

As Mr. Kay had said, he (Mr. Crook) had come to Queen's College before any of its present students was born, and during those long years he had formed a close attachment to Queen's College. He thanked Mr. Kay and the head prefect for all the good things that they had said about him, and for the goodwill and helpful assistance which one and all—staff, prefects, and students—had accorded to him during the time he had had the pleasure of being head master of Queen's College. He hoped to hear of Queen's College making better progress, and in both work and sport he hoped that they would be even more successful than they had been previously. "Keep up the good name and reputation of Queen's College," Mr. Crook urged.

Mr. Kay's Promotion

Mr. Crook then said that he must refer with mingled regret and pleasure to the high honour which had been conferred on Mr. Kay. He felt sure that they would all be sorry to know that Mr. Kay was about to leave Queen's College, having been appointed head master of the Ellis Kadoorie School. But Mr. Kay would not be so far away from Queen's College as Mr. Crook, and he felt sure that Mr. Kay would always sponsor the good of Queen's College, even though he was directing a neighbouring school.

After referring to Mr. Kay's good work at Queen's and the invaluable help which he had given in connection with the publication of the College magazine—the Yellow Dragon—Mr. Crook called for three cheers and a "tiger" for Mr. Kay.

After this call had been heartily responded to, Mr. Crook made reference to his successor, Mr. de Rome, whom, he said, he need not introduce to them because it was not as a stranger that Mr. de Rome was coming to them from the Ellis Kadoorie School, in the head mastership of which Mr. Kay was succeeding him. He (Mr. Crook) knew Mr. de Rome well, and he felt sure that Queen's College would be more than successful and well looked after in his charge. He then invited Mr. de Rome to say a few words.

An Unfortunate Day

Mr. de Rome said that he did not know that he was expected to say anything, but he would try to speak to them. That day, he said, was a most unfortunate day for Queen's College because they were losing both Mr. Crook and Mr. Kay—not only the head but the shoulders, too. No wonder every body seemed so gloomy!

Mr. Kay was not going far, as Mr. Crook had already told them. He was going to the Ellis Kadoorie School and had promised him (Mr. de Rome) the benefit of his great and long experience as second master of Queen's College. For that he was very grateful, and he hoped that with Mr. Kay's help he and the students of Queen's would get on well together.

Mr. Crook, on the other hand, was going a long way, possibly for a long time, and probably he would not come back. He could see that when Mr. Crook spoke to them he was very sad and it was not to be wondered at when they considered Mr. Crook's long connection with Queen's College. Some of them in that hall that afternoon were the sons or grandsons, even, of those who had been taught by Mr. Crook. He hoped that they would always remember Mr. Crook as a good head master, but, above all, as a personal friend. If he decided to come back he knew that they would all be very glad.

Difficulty Realised

Mr. de Rome then thanked both Mr. Crook and Mr. Kay for the personal references to him. He assured them that he keenly realised the difficulty that he was faced with in following such a popular and cultured head as Mr. Crook but he would do his best to cherish the reputation of Queen's and keep up to the high standard set by his predecessor, and he hoped that when the time came for him to hand over to his own successor no one would be able to say that he had let Queen's College down. He must remind the boys, however, that the head, the masters and the mistresses did not compose the school, and that no matter how hard they worked they could not hope for success if the boys would not work.

Mr. Bird had said at the Ellis Kadoorie School that he could lead a horse to water but he could not make it drink. He hoped that the boys of Queen's would take that to heart and do their best to help him to keep up the good reputation of Queen's in which he had already worked for seven years out of the 20 years that he had been in Hong Kong.

In conclusion, Mr. de Rome wished Mr. Crook a happy voyage and a happy reunion with his family at Home.

Mr. Crook called for three cheers for Mr. de Rome and Mr. Kay led cheers for Mr. Crook.

MR. CROOK'S CAREER

Connected With Queen's Since 1902

Mr. Crook who joined the staff of Queen's as far back as 1902, had a brilliant career at Trinity College, Dublin, where he was a Gold Medallist. He taught in schools at Home for several years before coming out to China, and ever since his arrival in Hong Kong "A.H.C." has been with Queen's College, except for a short period in 1917, when he was in England at Yarmouth School. He took over the head mastership of Queen's College in November 1925 when Mr. Betram Tanner, another of Q.C.'s host of popular head masters, left on retirement.

Mr. Crook is one of the keenest and best known naturalists in the Colony, and, whenever a strange beast, bird, insect, plant, or fish makes an appearance here he is usually consulted. In fact, he is regarded as the authority on such things in the Colony.

Mr. Crook represented Hong Kong last year at the Pan Pacific Scientific Congress in Java, and this year he will represent it at a Botanical Congress at Cambridge. But Mr. Crook has interests outside Natural History, as one of Q.C.'s boys says about him—

Geography, geology, horse racing, athletics, football, poetry, religion, boxing, or any other kind of game, no matter what the theme may be, I will interest our A.H.C.

Almost on the eve of his departure from the Colony, Mr. Crook has published a valuable book on the Flowers and Plants of Hong Kong with his own illustrations. Then, too, the new local magazine—"The Hong Kong Naturalist"—is Mr. Crook's "baby."

During the years 1903-1912, Mr. Crook was Lecturer in Biology at the Hong Kong College of Medicine, and he has also given numerous lectures chiefly on natural history, at the Helena May Institute and Hong Kong University.

New Year's Honour

As a reward for 27 years' conscientious work in the Education Department, and also for a great deal of unselfish effort outside the scholastic sphere, His Majesty conferred on Mr. Crook, the order of the British Empire early in the New Year. The announcement was followed by showers of congratulations. To quote the current number of the Yellow Dragon, "During the last sixty years many honours have been bestowed on the alumni and masters of Queen's College but it is safe to say that this latest one is as popular and as thoroughly deserved as any."

Mr. Crook is, and always has been, a keen walker, whilst as a younger man he was also prominent in the realm of sport. A fine tennis player, he competed for years regularly in the local championship tournaments, and even now he plays quite a good game. Another of Mr. Crook's favourite sport is swimming.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI

Tour of Mr. Tan Kah Kee's Factory

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi), accompanied by Mr. A. Hyde (Private Secretary), Lady Muriel, Mrs. Huggard, Mrs. Sturrock, Miss Sturrock, Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilson, visited Mr. Tan Kah-kee's tyre and shoe factory at Sumbawa Road, Singapore, on March 3. His Excellency was received by Mr. Tan Kah-kee and introduced to his fourth son-in-law, Mr. Oon Khye Hong, M.S.C., who is the general manager of the factory, and to Mr. Tan Keng-cheng and Mr. Tan Hwee-hong, managers.

His Excellency and the party then went through the rubber treating and felt hat departments, the power house, the canvas and leather shoes, tyre and tube, and printing departments, the laboratory and the balloon toys department.

J.P. CHARGED

Alleged Traffic in Opium

A Chinese named Mul Kwok-leung, alias Booy Kwik-leung, described as being connected with the tin mining industry in Malaya, and a Justice of the Peace, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon on three charges, as under:—

(a) That he did an act preparatory to the exporting of contraband opium from the Colony.

(b) That he was in unlawful possession of 1,180 taels of non-Government prepared opium.

(c) That he was in unlawful possession of 1,358 taels of non-Government raw opium.

The value of the alleged seizure is placed at about \$15,000.

The accused was recently arrested in an address in Queen's Road Central. It is understood that certain of his papers are being examined by the Revenue Department. The Superintendent of Imports and Exports (Mr. J. D. Lloyd) will personally conduct the prosecution.

An adjournment was given until Thursday afternoon.

MR. PEYS IN HONG KONG

This day to office, and then betimes to my wine-merchants, Caldebecks, where Mr. Oliver mighty civil. And I do speak with him about a certain strong water that Jonas Shish a master shipwright late out of Plymouth town, do tell me he drank there to his mighty content. And I do find his name be called gynne, whereof I do order me a hoggeshead, as I find it right comforting to the stomach these cold nights. And I do prick Mr. Oliver that he do send a tierce of claret for the poor thirsty actors who do rehearse my play. But much I fear they quench not their thirst in this way. And while there I do meet Mr. Marriot, who do act Caesar in my play, and as Mr. Povy do tell me do act the part of Marcellus well, and in the drinking scene as lifelike as ever any one saw, so I do congratulate him heartily, and he mightily pleased and do bring out some curious stories back they do keep. And very merry we were. And so to the Club where all in a line gather over the dues which men say must grow more. But while Mr. Peys is here and our outgoings be more, Lordy, but how shall a man fare? So melancholy

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL HONG KONG

March 16, 2nd Sunday in Lent.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.

Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Sunday School at Peak School, 10 a.m.

Choral Holy Communion Service, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.
Evansong, 6 p.m.

LECTURE AT 6.30 P.M. following by Discussion.
Subject: "What Are Heaven and Hell?"

Speaker: Rev. G. K. Carpenter, M.A., B.Sc., of St. Stephen's College.

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL

A Confirmation Service will be held in the Hall of the Diocesan Boys' School on Sunday next, March 16 at 10 a.m., when sixteen boys will be presented to the Bishop of Victoria for Confirmation. Parents and Friends are cordially invited to be present.

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Sunday Service, March 16, 1930, at 11.15 a.m.
Subject: "Substance."

The Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock.
Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 o'clock.

Reading Room at above address, open:—
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March at 9.15

26 March, at 4.30.

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back to the office, and later home where I did even my accounts. But I doubt I am a worse man than last year, which is a sorry case. And so to bed.

Lieut. A. G. Foster-Barham, B.E., aged 24, stationed at Aldershot, whose parents live in New Zealand, died in hospital from injuries received when he was thrown from his horse.

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ROUND THE CINEMAS

Musical Revue at the
Queen's

LOIS MORAN AT HER BEST

A great show, staged with all the lavishness and colour of a Broadway production, is "Words and Music," movietone musical revue which will be showing for the last time to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

Tuneful songs, a well-balanced cast, gorgeous costumes and a beautiful collection of girls in ensembles give this production rank with Broadway's best.

Lois Moran and Tom Patricola heap individual honours on themselves. Miss Moran, making her musical comedy debut, establishes herself as a pretty singer and dancer. Patricola, well-known in vaudeville, arouses some enthusiasm with his snappy "Steppin' Along" number.

The chorus of one hundred came in for its fair share of attention and revealed that audible screen producers are leaving nothing undone to eclipse a type of entertainment formerly exclusive to the stage.

Others who contribute sterling performances are David Percy, Frank Albertson, Helen Twelvrees, Bubbles Crowell, Elizabeth Patterson, Dorothy Jordan and Duke Morrison.

"Words and Music" is superlative in cast, music, staging and dancing, and is certain to prove a popular success.

"DYNAMITE"

"Artificial Sunburn" is the latest complication to come into the lives of picture players.

It arrived when "talkies" forced the abandonment of the "noisy" carbon arc lights, for the silent incandescent globes now in use. However, the carbon light was "cold" while the incandescent operates on human skin exactly as does the sun on a Summer's day. Therefore Cecil B. De Mille, whose first talking film, "Dynamite," will be screened at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow, and other leading directors, are setting strict rules for their players so that they will not (Continued at foot of next Column)

RADIO
TO-DAY'S
PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:—

1.30 p.m.—Weather Report.

7 p.m.—Experimental Programme during which the following H.M.V. & Victor Recordings (by courtesy of Moutrie & Co.) will be broadcast.

"Theatre"—Overture (Massenet).

San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

"Sunny Side Up"—Fox Trot.

"If I Had a Talking Picture of You"—Fox Trot.

Johnny Hamp's Kentucky Serenade.

"Meadow" (Teichard Evans).

"This is Heaven" (Yellen & Akst).

Grace Field.

"Two Wonderful For Words"—Fox Trot.

"Steppin' Along"—Fox Trot.

(William Kernell).

All Star Orchestra.

"Underneath the Russian Moon"—Fox Trot.

"San Sebastian"—Edward O'Henry.

"The Longshore Road"—Fox Trot.

"Susianna"—Fox Trot.

Nat Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra.

"Thinkin' of Mary" (Bennett).

"Columbine's Garden".

Walter Glynn.

"Underneath the Russian Moon"—Waltz.

"The One That I Love—Loves Me"—Fox Trot.

Rudy Vallee and His Connecticut Yankees.

"Beau Soir (Evening Fair)".

"Clair De Lune (The Wistful Moon)".

Mary Garden.

"If I Had a Talking Picture of You".

"I'm a Dreamer (Aren't We All)".

Grace Field.

"Laughing Marionette"—Fox Trot.

"I Lift up my Finger and I Say 'Twee! Twee!'—Fox Trot.

Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

"Ce Steyn 'Na Vota (Raccuntino)".

"Pescia D'Amore (Love's Angling)".

Tito Schipa.

"Lucky Me—Lovable You"—Fox Trot.

"Happy Days are Here Again"—Fox Trot.

Leo Reisman and His Orchestra.

"Just Keeping On".

"Mighty Lak a Rose"—Paul Robeson.

"Tip-Toe Thru the Tulips with Me"—Fox Trot.

"Painting the Clouds with Sunshine"—Fox Trot.

Jean Goldkette and His Orchestra.

"Russian Nightingale Song".

1. "Clavellito (Carnations)".

2. "Estrellita (Little Star)".

Amelita Galli-Curci.

"Get Out and Get Under the Moon"—Fox Trot.

"In the Evening"—Fox Trot.

Waring's Pennsylvanians.

Vocal refrain by Tom Waring.

"The Old Superb".

"Homeward Bound"—Peter Dawson.

"Amoureuse"—Waltz.

"Jolly Fellows"—Waltz.

International Novelty Orchestra.

9 p.m.—Weather Report and Local Time.

H.M.V. Record:

"Dear Love"—Vocal Gems (Wood, Tunbridge & Waller).

Light Opera Company.

Local Football Results.

Dance Music (Victor Recordings by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie & Company).

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

[Commencing to-day the Royal Observatory weather reports broadcast from Z.B.W. will be announced at 1.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. daily.]

SILVER BULLET

Kaye Don's Attack on
Record

INTENSE INTEREST

Daytona Beach, Yesterday. Talkie cinematographers from all over the country are crowding the famous racing beach to film the christening ceremony of Kaye Don's giant car, the "Silver Bullet," to-day, by Don's sister, Mrs. Rita Livesay, after which a preliminary test will be run off immediately. Kaye Don hitherto has not driven the car one foot. He intends to limit his speed to 140 miles an hour, preparatory to his attempt on the world record when the tide and beach are suitable, probably early next week.

Kaye Don is very satisfied with the mechanical perfection of the car, which is theoretically capable of 250 to 260 miles an hour, and declares: "My only concern now is a perfect beach."—Reuter's American Service.

expose themselves to the heat of the lights longer than is necessary to take their scenes.

"Mid-winter" and Spring tan were denied Conrad Nagel, Charles Bickford, Julia Faye, Kay Johnson and other players in De Mille's "Dynamite."

"Just as in Summer time we tell our players not to get burned because it makes a perceptible difference in their 'make-up' appearance during the successive days of a picture, so are we now enforcing the same rule right on our sets," says De Mille.

Have You Heard?—

Dentist: "Which tooth do you want extracted?"
Pullman Porter: "Lower seven."

Driver of Old Car (after roadside halt): You don't notice that knock in the engine so much now, do you?
Friend: No. How did you fix it?
Driver: Oh, I just loosened one of the mudguards.

Governor: "You have displayed exemplary conduct in your three years in prison. Were you satisfied with the treatment?"
Convict: "Yes, I can warmly recommend you to all my friends."

Kelly and Cohen were having dinner together. Cohen helped himself to the larger fish, and Kelly said:—

"Fine manners you have, Cohen. If I had reached out first I'd have taken the smaller fish."

"Vell," Cohen replied, "you got it, didn't you?"

Before I married Maggie dear I was her pumpkin pie.

Her precious peach, her honey lamb, The apple of her eye.

But after years of married life This thought I pause to utter, Those fancy names are gone, and now

I'm just her bread and butter.

"Why can't you please that customer in a tie?"

"He wants a grey tie."

"We have plenty of grey ties."

"He wants a loud grey."

Alice had just given her mistress notice.

"I'm going to Mrs. White in the next street, ma'am," she added.

"But does Mrs. White know that you've only been with me for six weeks?" she inquired suspiciously.

Alice nodded.

"Yes, ma'am. She said that if I'd managed to stay with you that long, it was good enough reference for her."

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—
Bank, wire 1/5 3/4
Bank, on demand 1/5 13/16
Bank, 30 days' sight
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/6
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/6 3/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/6 7/8

On Paris—
On demand 922 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 997 1/2
On Berlin—
On demand
On New York—
On demand 36 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 37 1/2
On Bombay—
Wire 99 1/4
On demand 99 1/4
On Calcutta—
Wire 99 1/4
On demand 99 1/4
On Singapore—
On demand 64
On Manila—
On demand 72 1/2
On Shanghai—
On demand 78
80 days' sight (private paper)
On Yokohama—
On demand 73
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 12.80
Silver (per oz.) 19 1/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong 2% dis.
Copper Cash Nominal
Copper Cents 8% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 6% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 23% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin 1/4% dis.

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Paris 124.25
New York 4.86 1/2
Brussels 4.89
Amsterdam 12.12 1/2
Geneva 25.12 1/2
Milan 92.79
Berlin 20.38 1/2
Stockholm 18.10 1/2
Copenhagen 18.16 1/2
Oslo 18.17
Vienna 84.52 1/2
Prague 164 1/2
Helsingfors 189 1/2
Madrid 89.20
Lisbon 108.80
Athens 87 1/2
Bucharest 81 1/2
Rio 5 25/32
Buenos Aires 41 1/2
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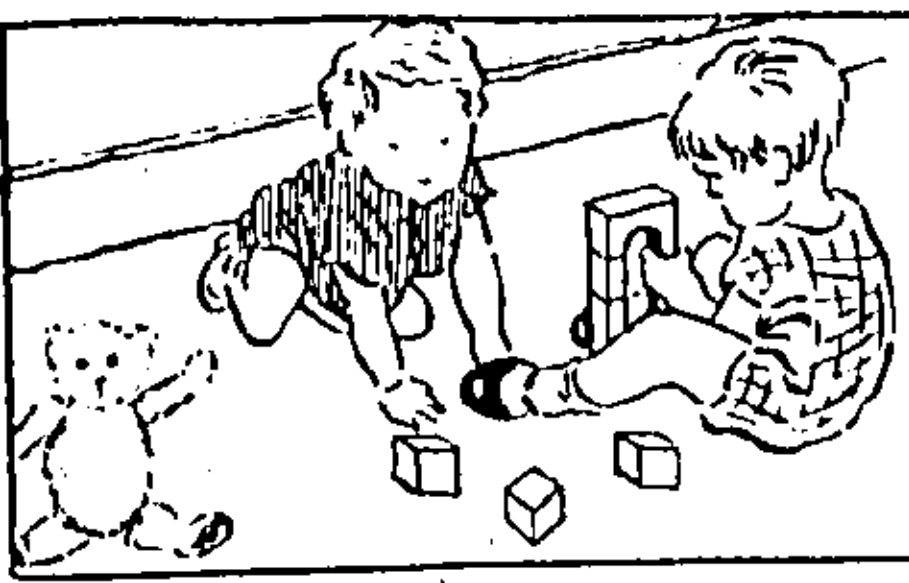
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STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Norm.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank ...\$	...	...	...	1892	Dec.	[Final 24 s/c 1929 ex. 17 1/2]—\$11.25 Feb. 24, 30
Chartered Bank ...£	...	...	17 1/2	Dec.	[Final 7 1/2 bonus 1929] Pending	
Mercantile Bk., A.S.B. ...£	...	...	29	Dec.	[Int. 2 1/2% s/c 1929]—\$1.00 Oct. — 29	
"C." ...£	...	...	16 1/2	Dec.	[Int. 2 1/2% s/c 1929]—\$1.00 Feb. 28, 30	
Bank of Asia ...£	99	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1929
Insurances.						
Canton Ins.£	765	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 for 1929]—\$10.00 May 23, 29
Union Ins.£	997	...	...	...	Dec.	[Interim 2 1/2 s/c 1929]—\$2.00 May 24, 29
China Underwriters, ...£	1 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.£	340	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 bonus 1929]—\$1.00 May 24, 29
H. K. Fire Ins.£	895	...	...	...	Dec.	[Interim 2 1/2 s/c 1929] Pending
Shipping.						
Douglases ...£	23 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Steamboats ...£	26	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929
Indo-China (Comb.) ...£	...	...	43	Dec.	[Int. ex. 2 1/2 on preferred] for 1929 [Final 1929] ...	
"(Def.)" ...£	...	...	70	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	
Shell Transports ...£/-	...	...	92 1/2	Dec.	[Int. 2 1/2 Coupon No. 55 free] 1 1/2 s/c 1929	
Union Waterboats ...£	25	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929
Mining.						
Benguet ...£	6 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 20 cents s/c 1929
Kailan Mining Ad. s/-	...	...	47 1/2	June	[Final 2 1/2 free 1/10 tax Coupon No. 25 year 30-32]	
Langkat (Comb.)...Tls.	...	...	13.60	Oct.	Last div. for year 31-32	
"(Single)"...Tls.	...	...	7 1/2	Dec.	None	
S'hai Exploration...Tls.	...	...	1.80	Dec.	None	
"Loans" ...Tls.	...	...	5	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	
Racis ...£	17 1/2	...	...	...	Mar.	Second Int. 1 1/2 s/c year 31-32
Trenoh Mines ...£/-	...	...	21 1/2	Dec.	4th. new tax Coupon No. 01	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves...£	(144) d.	(144) d.	...	...	Dec.	\$0 for 1929
H. K. & W. Docks...£	32 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
China Provident ...£	5.10	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
Hongkew ...Tls.	216	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 s/c 1929] Pending
N. Engineerings ...Tls.	7.80	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 2.50 for 1929
Shanghai Docks ...Tls.	222 100	...	...	...	Apr.	T. 7.50 for year 31-32
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons ...Tls.	16.10	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final T. 2 s/c 1929] Pending
S'hai Cotton (old)...Tls.	...	...	80	Apr. and Oct.	[T. 2.50 old] for half year (T. 1.50 new) 31-32	
"(new)"...Tls.	...	...	79	...	...	Nov. 23, 29
Zoong Sings ...Tls.	...	...	10	June	T. 3.00 for year 30-32	
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H.K. & S. Hotels ...£	...	...	12.90	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Lands ...£	63 1/2	...	64	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 s/c 1929] Feb. 12, 30
Shanghai Lands ...£	225	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final T. 6 s/c 1929] Mar. 12, 30
Humphreys ...£	14	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1929
H. K. Realities ...£	6.80	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 30 cents s/c 1929] Pending
Chinese Estates ...£	08	...	...	...	Feb.	\$1 for year 32-33
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways ...£	20 1/2	...	30.60	...	Dec.	[Final 50 cents s/c 1929] Pending
Peak Tram (old) ...£	...	...	11 1/2	Apr.	\$1 on old for year (old on new) 30-32	
"(new)" ...£	...	...	6.05	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1929
Star Ferries ...£	67	...	67	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1929
China Light ...£	19.15	...	19.30	Sept.	[Final etc. 45 (old) for year (new) 31-32]	
H. K. Electric ...£	67	...	66 1/2	...	Dec.	\$2.50 for 1929
Macao ...£	23	...	...	...	Dec.	None
Sandakan Lights ...£	4 1/2	...	...	...	June	None
H.K. Telephones ...£	10.80	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 cents s/c 1929] Pending
China Buses ...Tls.	18 1/2	...	18 1/2	...	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929
S'pore Tractions (Ord.) s/-	10 1/2	...	...	...	Sept.	[1 1/2 on preference shares] Feb. 6, 30
"(Pref.) s/-	19 1/2	...	...	...	...	Subject to income tax
Industrials.						
China Sugars ...£	75 c.	...	...	...	...	In liquidation
Malabar Sugars ...£	...	...	27	Dec.	P. 3 for 1929	
Cold. Macg. Ord. ...Tls.	...	...	10	Dec.	Incorporated in May 1929	
"Pref." ...Tls.	...	...	10	...	...	None
Canton Ice ...£	...	...	9 1/2	July	None	
Cement (comb.) ...£	14.55	...	14.70	...	Dec.	[30 cents on old] for 1929 Pending
"(old)" ...£	10.80	...	...	...	Dec.	None
"(new)" ...£	4.10	...	...	...	Dec.	None
H. K. Ropes ...£	7.70	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
United Alabates ...£	5	...	...	...	...	None
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms ...£	22 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929
Watsons ...£	...	...	11 1/2	Oct.	80 cents for year 31-32	
Ler A Wings ...£	30 c.	...	...	...	...	None
Dane Crawford ...£	2 1/2	...	...	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 32-32
Mackinnon ...£	18	...	...	...	Feb.	\$2 for year 32-32
Sisters ...£	...	...	12	...	...	April 11, 30
Wm. Powell ...£	2.80	...	...	...	Feb.	25 cents for year 32-32
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement ...£	28 1/2	...	...	...	Mar.	(\$2.50 on preferred) for year 181.00 on Deferred) 31-32
H. K. Construction ...£	...	...	1.80	Dec.	None	
B. Ind. O.S. Bonds ...%	80%	...	99%	...	...	None
H. K. Gov. Loans ...%	5 1/2	...	...	...	...	Interest half yearly



CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE FRAGRANT NAME

A Russian legend tells of a disobedient angel, who, because she refused to come down to sing for a peasant girl, had to leave Heaven, and come to earth as a little child. On earth she forgot about her former life, even forgot her heavenly name. Yet something seemed to linger. She wondered why names were not sweet-scented like flowers. To have a fragrant name would make her happy, she said.

One who loved her went over the world to find a name, which, being spoken, would give a perfume like scented flowers. He sought in vain until, returning from his quest, he passed a cottage door where an old man stood.

The old man said he knew of such a name, at least his grandchild did, for once in a dream an angel had come to sing to her. When she left she promised that a still more beautiful angel would come, and when she spoke the angel's name the room had been filled with perfume of flowers.

The girl, however, had unfortunately forgotten the name.

The seeker told his friend of the clue, and she went and sang for the old man's grandchild. It was as if the girl's dream had come true, and in her joy she remembered the angel's name. As she spoke it the cottage was filled with fragrance. Then the other understood. It was the name she had been seeking, her own heavenly name; and she had found it in a sick room in a humble cottage.

There are some names, not only heavenly, but earthly ones, that have the gift of fragrance. They may be ordinary names, yet somehow they are of a sweet savour. We hold them in memory as we hold a rose in the hand. It may be a mother's name, or a father's, or a friend's; it may be the name of some humble man or woman who helped us to believe in goodness and in God.

When Robert Louis Stevenson wrote his "Garden of Verses" he dedicated the book to his old nurse.

A MOOR HEN'S NEST

The story is told in London of how a moor hen used her tickets in the building of her nest in Hyde Park. The moor hen spied two old omnibus tickets, blue and pink, lying on the path by the water. She picked up the blue ticket, but dropped it in trying to secure the pink one at the same mouthful. With an angry croak she then snapped up the pink ticket, but dropped it in an attempt to pick up the blue one as well.

With a still angrier croak she again picked up the pink one, swam to the nest and placed the ticket on it and returned to land for the blue. As she reached it she stopped and turned round to study the effect of her work.

While she gazed at the nest like a lady admiring a hat she just bought a gust of wind caught the pink ticket and carried it off the nest into the water. She swore again, ran to the water and swam out to the ticket, which she seized, and plunged so deeply into the fabric of the nest that no pink was visible.

She then returned in leisurely manner for the blue ticket and treated it in a similar fashion.

Corrected

The teacher wrote on the blackboard the sentence, "The toast was drunk in silence." "Write that sentence correctly," he said. Horace stepped forward and wrote, "The toast was eaten in silence."

Right through his life he kept in touch with her, and sent her a copy of every new book he published. This was his dedication:

"My second mother, my first wife, The angel of my infant life; From the sick child, now well and old, Take, Nurse, the little book you hold."

It is a beautiful thought that we may live so that our names may come to have this gift of fragrance.

THE AGE OF CHALK

A child sees his teacher with a bit of chalk in his hand. What is that chalk to a child, or to the teacher himself? Merely a substance for making white lines on a blackboard. But that bit of chalk is an ancient cemetery, in which lie buried creatures that lived and played their part in the system of things millenniums ago. In the yet warm seas of the slowly cooling planet floated myriads of infusoria, with power to secrete from the sea a sheltering film of lime.

As these tiny myriads died, the facing of lime they wore sank to the bottom. In process of ages this grew to a white slime; some combustion lifted up the seabed, and the white slime became a chalk cliff. And the bit of chalk in the teacher's fingers represents the whole process.

What ages, what revolutions, that little bit of white earth hides in its atoms! It is a perished eternity the teacher holds in his fingers.

JOLLY GAMES

Stammering

An amusing game is stammering. In the simple description of it there is no hint of the stupefied helplessness of the player, and the convulsions of mirth it brings to the listeners.

To play it one person keeps time with a watch, and on the second of a minute, another of the group springs a letter of the alphabet on the selected victim.

All he has to do is to say as many words as he can think of beginning with that letter in the space of 60 seconds. But, strangely enough, he becomes tongue-tied, and cannot think at all—if he thinks of six he will be very lucky. The score is kept by one person and the watch by another. Vowels and difficult letters like Z, Q, V, and X, must not be used.

A NEW COLOUR

Hilda, aged about three, was playing with little Muriel. The two were busy looking at some patterns of dress materials, and Muriel, being a little older, was telling Hilda the names of the various colours—green, blue, dark blue, and so on.

"They came to grey. That was more difficult. 'And what is this one?' inquired the younger child. 'That,' said Muriel, slowly, 'I think, Hilda, that must be dark white!'"

Business Is Business

A priest offered a shilling to the boy who could tell him who was the greatest man in history.

"George Washington," answered the American boy.

"Napoleon," answered the French boy.

"Saint Patrick," answered the Scottish boy.

"The money is yours," said the priest. "But why did you say 'Saint Patrick?'"

"In my heart I knew it was William Wallace," replied the Scottish boy. "But business is business."

RECENT JAPANESE STAMPS

Two of the most artistic stamps ever issued, appeared recently in Japan.

They commemorate the completion of the shrine to the late Emperor, and show the building itself, as it stands among the trees with the chrysanthemum symbol of Japan inserted at the top of the stamp.

The delicacy and beauty of these little stamp pictures will appeal to every collector of Japanese art.

One curious fact about the new stamps is that they do not show the value in ordinary figures, only in native characters, though most stamps issued at the present day express their value in the ordinary figures, such as we use.

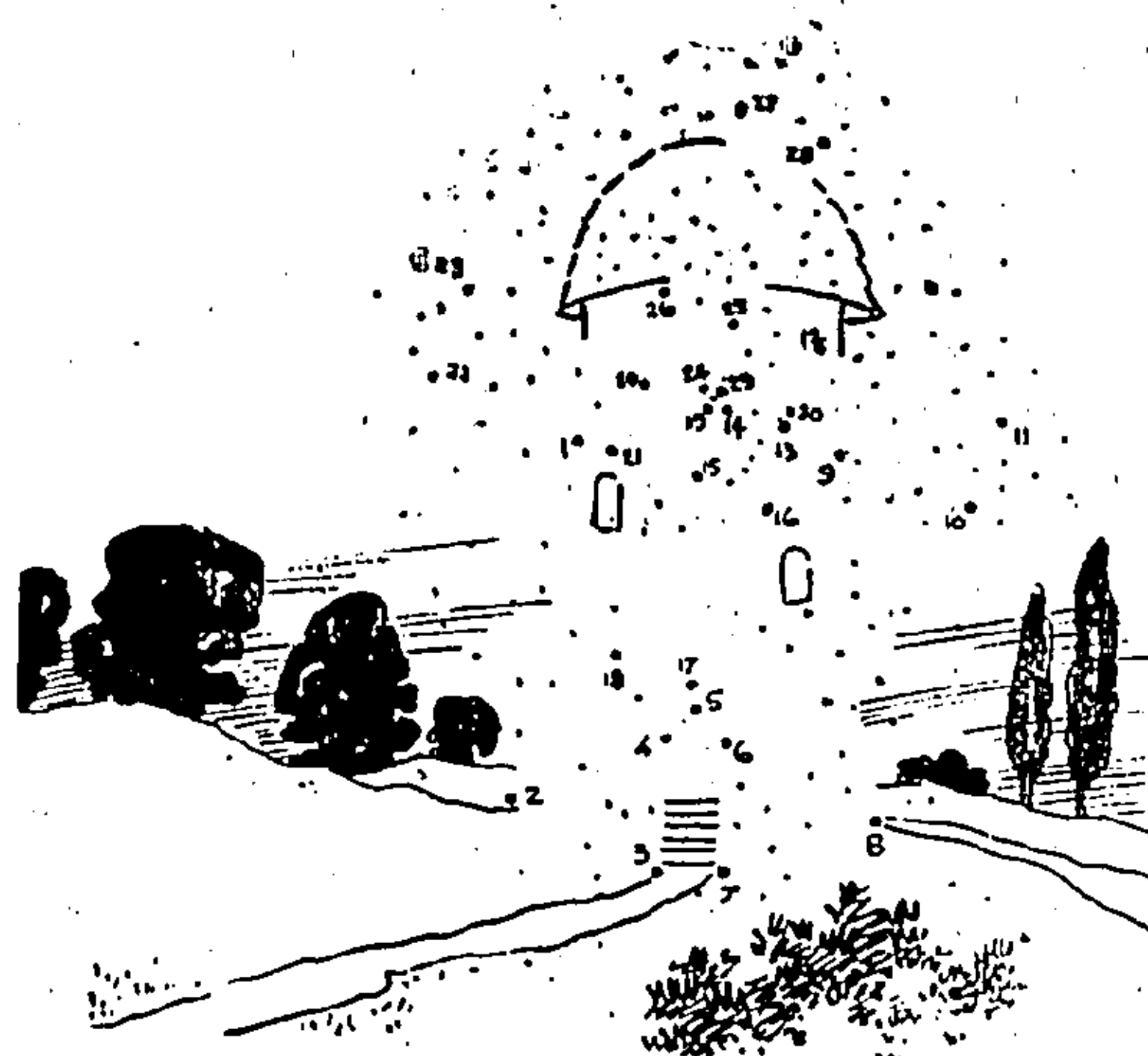
Not Quite Clear

The general knowledge class had been discussing forms of government. The weary teacher at length propounded the question—

"Well, Simpson, what is the difference between a king and a president?"

"Please, sir, a king is the son of his father, but a president isn't."

OUR PICTURE PUZZLE



What do you think this is? To discover what it is draw a straight line from the first numbered dot to the second numbered dot and so on in order starting at No. 1 and finishing at No. 30.

INK FOR BURNS

Ink has been a household remedy in the treatment of burns for many years and few know the reason why.

"Since most black inks are weak solutions of gallotannate of iron, this is another example of justification of the empiric use of an old home remedy. I have seen two cases in which ink was used as a first aid application in the treatment of burns; one on the island of Corregidor, another in Zamboanga, on the island of Mindanao. The first was a severe first degree burn of more than two-thirds of the body, in which an unfavourable prognosis was given. To my surprise, however, the child recovered. The other was a mild burn which some of the older natives in different barrios I ascertain that ink has been used by their mothers and grandmothers, and is considered a sovereign remedy for burns," says Dr. Stammel.

The new conditions just published for the "Wireless Man" badge, ideals of service have been emphasised. In addition to his having afforded considerable help to others in connection with wireless, the candidate has to know all distress signals and must be able to detect and cure oscillation.

Interesting figures disclosed here for Adornment the first time reveal the popularity of these badges. During last year 21,637 ambulance, 13,777 cyclist, 9,081 swimmer, 8,196 missionary and 7,828 pathfinder badges were issued within the Empire. The least popular badges were fireman, sea fisherman, piper, rigger, and pilot. Lord Baden-Powell has often been criticised for encouraging self-adornment by the badge system, before leaving on his present tour he said:

Love of artificial ornament is a touch of nature that makes the whole world kin.

This sort of thing is not confined to women alone. Men are just as bad. How pleased I was when, as a general on the staff, I had aiguillette cords added to my already fairly conspicuous uniform. Men will do anything short of murdering their grandmothers for medals and decorations. It is a strain of vanity in our make-up, and love of display is just a human weakness.

In the Scouts we have immoral, or shall we say common, sense enough to trade upon this trait. We have used it as an incentive to effort, by giving decorations for proficiency.

EARL OF STAMFORD

The Great "Stand-by" for Peace

The Earl of Stamford recently opened the new Den of the St. George's Altrincham Wolf Cub Pack, Altrincham. In doing so, Lord Stamford said that he had a great interest in the Scout Movement. In that Movement he saw the great "Stand-by" for world friendship and peace.

In reminding the Cubs of their Promise to help other people at all times, Lord Stamford went on to speak of camping. He asked the boys to be particularly careful when camping, to observe nature closely in the trees, birds and animals around them. "For," said he, "such observation would help them a great deal throughout life."

A STRANGER IN THE LAND

Last summer a Boy Scout of Brooklyn, New York, found a nest of English sparrows which a windstorm had blown to the ground from a tall tree. Finding three of them still alive, he took them to his home and fed and cared for them and succeeded in raising one to maturity. The bird became an interesting pet. She is allowed to enjoy her liberty during the day and spends most of the time along with others of her kind, but several times during the day will come to the door and will chirp until the door is opened, when she will fly in and make herself at home. She allows the different members of the family to carry her around and upstairs to her nest for the night.

MUD STOPS BLOOD

When a 15-year-old American Boy Scout fell into a creek and severed an artery in his abdomen through breaking a glass bottle, a Boy Scout companion took charge of the situation and rendered valuable first aid.

Removing the wounded boy to the bank of the creek the Scout sent a companion to telephone for the ambulance. Finding his handkerchief too small to staunch the flow of blood from the wound, the Scout used his shirt, and through smearing mud on the outside of the shirt the Scout managed to stop the flow from the artery until the ambulance arrived. The victim was taken to the hospital, where he recovered, and where the surgeon who attended him said that undoubtedly the Scout's action saved the boy's life.



SCOUTING IS AN EDUCATION

Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer to the Board of Education, in his Annual Report, is warm in his praise of the Boy Scout Movement.

In his report, Sir George Newman says that a quarter to one-third of the children admitted to school at five years are in need of medical attention before they can receive the education which the State provides for them.

In pointing out that until you cultivate and develop the body and brain of the child, all attempts at intellectual instruction will prove futile, Sir George described the Boy Scout Movement as being "a lesson in physical discipline, of educational adventure, of youthfulness and glad obedience. It is one of the wise interpretations of that service which is perfect freedom; it educates by equipping the body first and drawing out its faculties and senses; it both harnesses and leads him of his own interest and desire into the path of manual work and the arts and crafts; it trains men, not for the classroom or the pedagogue, but for life."

"Thus, it has become a vast health education movement, doing for the boy what the education authority all too often fails to do. It is perhaps the greatest demonstration in practical education that the world has seen."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"He that will not stoop for a pin will never be worth a pound."

THE KING IS GLAD

In acknowledging a copy of "The World Jamboree, the Quest of the Golden Arrow," which the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, sent to H.M. The King, Patron of the Boy Scouts Association, Lord Stamfordham, the King's Private Secretary, has written to the Chief Scout: "In thanking you for the book, His Majesty desires me to say how glad he is to hear of the increase in the number of Scouts, both in the British Empire and in the World, and that you can now boast of a total number of 1,900,000."

ALADDIN!

The fourth Annual Pantomime in aid of Roland House, the East London Scout Settlement, was presented recently in King George's Hall, Holborn. This year's Pantomime was entitled "Aladdin," and in a fascimile foreword which Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, contributed to the programme he wrote as follows:—"Aladdin? That's the fellow who exchanged his new lamp for an old one, and the exchange brought him a wonderful lot of happiness. He was like the boy who exchanges his old clothes for the clean smart uniform of a Scout; he finds that the exchange brings him a wonderful lot of happiness. Well, I hope that a big lot of boys will come to see your pantomime, and will then want to join the Scouts; and in this way I hope that Aladdin will bring many a lad into our happy brotherhood."



The Scout Movement is non-sectarian, non-political, and non-class, so that it is open to all boys who care to abide by its laws and to follow its great motto: "Be Prepared." Scouts, who were but children at Mars' last rattling of the sabre, may bear the brunt of his fury next—"Be Prepared." In the chaos of an upheaval of industry, where class fights class, and there are pitiable, pinched faces of starving children—"Be Prepared." When nature's wrath rocks the earth by quake, wind, drought, fire, flood or pestilence, and many are homeless, penniless and suffering—"Be Prepared." Whether seeking fresh lands for fortune, fame, or fun, Scouts greet each other with the Scout smile, and extend the hand of help, hospitality, and friendship, contributing to the great work of consolidating peace and eliminating war—"Be Prepared."

pared." By diplomacy, a Scout strives to make the world safe for democracy and peace. West meets East in the world-wide Brotherhood of Scouts.

"Why call them Wolf Cub Scouts?" people ask. Because we appeal to the boys' sense of romance. Because the furry little brother of the jungle seems, somehow, to embody the ideals of keenness, purity, obedience, that we want to hold up to the boys. To the wild tribes who brought scouting to perfection, the Wolf is the great Scout, and so we call the Junior Scouts "Wolf Cubs," and thus find ready to our hands a symbol of innocence and the gaiety of nature, of obedience founded on the realisation that the Old Wolf knows best, and is in authority; of alertness and eagerness to learn, so becoming the skilful scouts of the jungle.

The "World Friendship" badge and the "Journalist" badge are this year's additions to the Boy Scouts' proficiency badges. These proficiency badges, round and seal-like, are worn by Scouts on their sleeves and are to the non-Scout familiar and little understood objects. Usually depicting a tool or instrument of the hobby represented, there are more than sixty of these badges. To secure the "World Friendship" badge a Scout must have corresponded regularly with an over-seas or foreign Scout for not less than a year, or have camped with foreign over-seas Scouts in Great Britain or overseas. In addition he must have some knowledge of the world-wide Scout and Guide organisations and the League of Nations, and pass two other elementary tests.

The conditions for the "Journalist" badge demand that a Scout shall have served on an editorial staff, shall produce a published report or article, and have a practical knowledge of elementary printing matters. In

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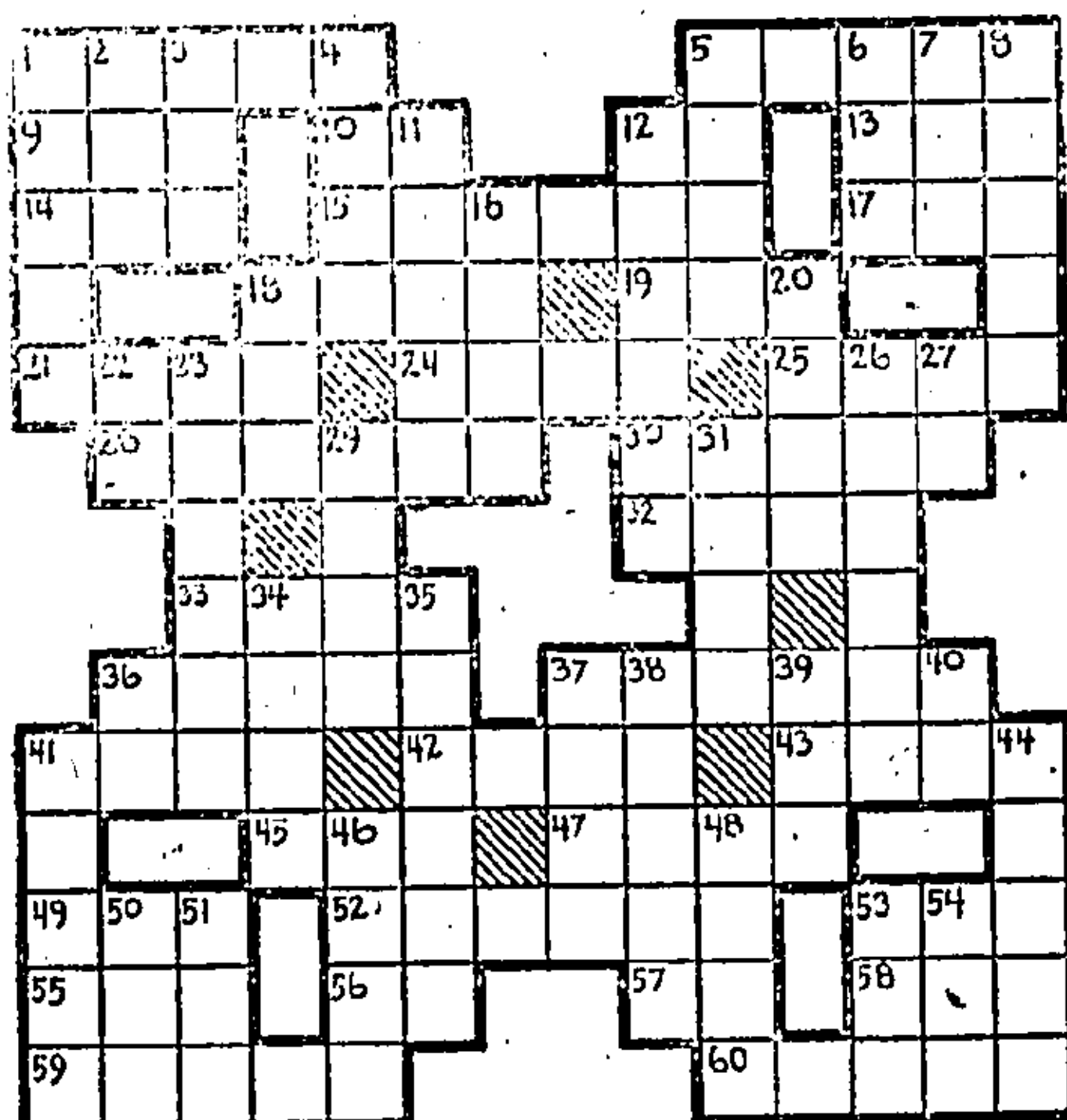
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-A character in "Oliver Twist"
- 5-A city in Oklahoma
- 9-Island group S. W. of New Guinea
- 10-Into
- 12-Toward
- 13-Evon (poet)
- 14-A precious stone
- 15-Great culture of Andes Mountains
- 17-A tribe of Israel
- 18-Peruvian fairy
- 19-Soft food for babies
- 21-A musical wind instrument
- 24-To clip
- 25-Venomous snake (pl.)
- 28-River in S. Carolina
- 30-To draw out
- 32-To irritate
- 33-Clotted blood
- 36-Sorrow (poet)
- 37-Prefix—more than
- 41-Learning
- 42-A musical wind instrument
- 43-An Egyptian god, Osiris

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 45-Fantastic
- 47-To cling on a stick
- 49-Cravity
- 52-Hired
- 53-A number
- 55-Also
- 56-Old Dutch (abbr.)
- 57-Behold
- 58-The head, as of wheat
- 59-To stub, as one's toe
- 60-Smallest in value

VERTICAL

- 1-A bundle of sticks
- 2-Exile
- 3-Rubber
- 4-A city in S. E. France
- 5-The Mosaic law
- 6-A support
- 7-Ocean
- 8-Homeland of S. America
- 11-The Scandinavian people
- 12-A high silk hat (slang, Eng.)
- 16-A number

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-A sylvan deity
- 15-A New Testament writer
- 22-Personal pronoun
- 23-A city in Maine
- 26-Landscape
- 27-One of the churches (abbr.)
- 29-An edible root of Polynesia
- 31-U. S. silver coin
- 34-Combining form—"oil"
- 35-Appearing as if gnawed
- 36-To perform
- 37-To put into a mail box
- 38-To drive off
- 39-A small bird
- 40-A New England State (abbr.)
- 41-Rude out
- 44-Brief
- 46-To fall
- 48-A worshipped image
- 50-Destiny
- 51-Personal pronoun
- 53-A drink
- 54-Exiled

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



SNOWDROP TIME

Ah, hush! Tread softly through the
rime,
For there will be a blackbird sluk-
ing, or a thrush.
Like coloured beads the elm-buds
flush:
All the trees dream of leaves and
flowers and light.
And see! The northern bank is much
more white.
Than frosty grass, for now is snow-
drop time.
—MAY WERN, in "Poems" and the
Spring of Joy.

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

BANKING LAW

The Banker and His "Customer"

Bankers generally understand the constitution of their own banks, and shareholders in banking companies can obtain the knowledge which concerns them as to those companies; but the customers, who are a large class, usually accept the bank as an existing institution, and chiefly want to know the range of facilities the bank has to place at their disposal and the law which governs their dealings with the banker. Decisions of the courts and also legislation from time to time qualify conditions, and to meet such circumstances text books on the subject have periodically to be revised.

One of the most famous of these text books is "The Law of Banker & Customer," first published in 1859 (by the late Mr. James Walter Smith, LL.D.), a new edition of which—making the 26th thousand—is now provided by Mr. R. Borregaard, M.A., barrister-at-law (Edinburgh Wilson, 6s.).

In addition to a review of the history and constitution of the different sorts of banks, the Editor gives a plain statement of the law and of the various decisions which have been made of late years in elucidation of special points. The book is therefore of use and value both to students of law and of banking, as well as to the large and daily increasing class who keep banking accounts.

BOOKS IN U.S.

What the Reading Public Wants

American publishers have reasons to be satisfied with the activity of their industry during 1929. The total production of new books and new editions was 10,187, as compared with 9,176 for 1928. Increases were recorded in the fields of fiction, biography, education and general literature. Some observers have been troubled by the increase in the number of fiction titles. Joseph W. Lippincott, retiring president of the National Association of Book Publishers, told his fellow publishers at their annual meeting recently that the demand for popular literature had caused a decline in the sale of the "staples" of literature. The phrase, "Here is something new," he saw as the "open sesame" to sales. He found "food for thought" in fact that fiction is becoming a leader.

The tone of Mr. Lippincott's remarks, however, was not so pessimistic as some of the headline writers would lead their readers to believe. For he pointed out that "the crude and ephemeral will always fall by the wayside." Other publishers at the convention thought the sale of classics continued normal.

Now, the popularity of fiction as such should cause no alarm. Fiction is not, by definition, worthless. Has the "Iliad" influenced mankind less than the "Republic," or "Hamlet" than the "Short History of the English People"? The important question is not "Do you read fiction?" but "What fiction do you read?"

The Publishers Weekly believes that the total of fiction is swelled by mystery and detective stories, which have enjoyed a vogue of late. No doubt; but it's only a vogue. Far more significant, probably, is the list of best-sellers for 1929. The fifteen best selling works of fiction include only one mystery story. They include three war stories, and of these "All Quiet on the Western Front" heads the list for the year. The general average of the list is reasonably high. None of these fifteen novels could be dismissed offhand as trash. The most popular include some of the best.

Another cause for rejoicing among book lovers is the improvement in bookmaking. The American Institute of Graphic Arts is placing on exhibition from February 5 to 28, in the New York Public Library, its eighth annual selection of "Fifty Books of the Year" outstanding for beauty of design. Nearly 600 volumes, we are told, were examined in making the selection this year. Not only is interest in beautiful books growing, but beautiful books are becoming more numerous. As the Publishers Weekly significantly remarks: "The quality of design in this field has developed knowledge that has been used in trade books."

Really, those who would view the publishing situation with alarm seem to have scant standing space.

THE SHORT STORY

A Modern Form of Literary Art

The short story as we know it is a distinctively modern form of literary art. The Italian "novella" of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries are its predecessors rather than its ancestors; for the tradition of Boccaccio, both in Italy and in France, can scarcely be said to have outlived the Renaissance.

Practically then a fresh start was made within very recent times; since Balzac hardly belongs to the main line of development, we may regard de Maupassant as the father of the modern short story. And in Britain, so young is the art, we still have living the first eminent English writer, Mr. Kipling, whose reputation is primarily based on his short stories.

It is an extremely exacting form of literature. Its length practically limits it to the narration of a single episode; but the context of that episode has to be sufficiently suggested to maintain illusion; and a very few strokes must suffice to indicate character, yet must achieve their purpose with all the clarity that we expect to be attained by the more leisurely methods of the novel.

The success of our generation in this difficult form of writing may well become its chief claim to distinction in the literary histories of the future.

"PROUFFYTABLE"

Sale of Lulworth Castle Books

Some interesting books belonging to Mrs. Alfred Noyes, removed from the library of Lulworth Castle in consequence of the fire there, were sold at Sotheby's on March 3.

They include first editions of Pope, Swift, Dryden and other great British writers.

Among the rarer works, perhaps the most notable is a perfect copy of the "Chastising of God's Children."

"The prouffitable booke for manes soule and right comfortable to the body and specially in adversitee and tribulacion whiche booke is called The Chastising of Goddes Children." (Westminster, Wynkyn de Worde). Its date is about 1492.

There is a hitherto unrecorded "Book of Hours" for English use, printed at Rouen in 1620, with fifty woodcuts.

These works are in black letter, as is also "Ehrenarche," or the office of the Justices of Peace, together with an exposition of certain difficult and obscure words and terms of the lawes of this Realm." Its date is 1615.

Music, heraldic manuscripts, early works on America, as well as some fine early seventeenth-century flower paintings on vellum, were also included in the sale.

WINGS

There come to the flowers
In my garden
Butterflies, golden-spotted, tawny,
Blue-spangled and sulphur;
Glistening dragon-flies, zooming
bumblebees,
Droning honey-bees,

Softly whirring comes
The vivid humming-bird,
Sipping, sipping, all day long.
At nightfall I hear the flutter of the
Luna's wings, as
She caresses the velvet cheek
Of the lily.

—JEAN M. SNYDER.

"G.B.S." ON HIMSELF

"Inflicts Pain Like a Dentist"

Dr. R. F. Rattray, Principal of the Leicester University College, has issued a syllabus of a series of lectures to the students on "Bernard Shaw, in Life and Letters," to be given at the Leicester City Museum.

Mr. H. A. Silverman, director of extramural studies at the University College, forwarded a copy of the syllabus to Mr. George Bernard Shaw, who commented on the syllabus as follows:

"1. I never cultivated anything. From a horribly shy and diffident young man, producing an impression of brazen impudence, because, I suppose, the ability of which I was unconscious asserted itself through the disadvantages and the ignorances of which I was too conscious.

"2. I repeat, I was not conscious of my powers any more than I was conscious of the taste of the saliva that was always in my mouth. I wanted to be a painter, and even an opera singer—not a writer. I wrote because I could do nothing else, and had to do something.

"3. Karl Marx died just before I heard of his existence. I heard Henry George speak, and was shunted by him on to the economic track which led me to Marx and Socialism, but I never made his acquaintance.

"4. As to 'enjoying hammerings,' I don't think this is true. Cashe Byron, when he said that he nearly killed his first opponent because he did not know his own strength, explained the savagery of some of my early criticisms. It is true that I was, and to some extent still am, very sensitive; but on the other hand, I can stand up to, and even enjoy hammerings that drive other men to fury or reduce them to tears. And I often fail to conceive how they can be hurt by blows that make me laugh when I nap them myself.

"I Hit Hard"

"When, as a critic or debater, I 'have' to inflict pain, I do it like a dentist, with great reluctance and with all the anaesthesia I can produce. But note that, as nothing is so maladroit as any show of sparing the victim's feelings, I always hit as excellently as I can, with an air of hitting as hard as I can. I have a horror of humiliating or discouraging people. I like my man to feel that he has had a good fight, and been worthy of my steel; and not that I have been showing off my good taste at his expense.

"That is the line that leaves the least malice.

G. B. S.

"P.S.—Only a keen or fairly erudite musician can deal with the artistic side of my career. I was quite well educated, musically and graphically."

Dr. Rattray states that he is delighted with Mr. Shaw's notes on his syllabus.

Major C. F. Adams, who formed new branches of the British Legion at Appledore and Ruislip of the Rye branch, has been appointed organising secretary for the London area.

A man believed to be Charles James Brown, aged about 40, who for some time had been living in a caravan near by, was found dead on the railway line at Mill Hill, N.W.

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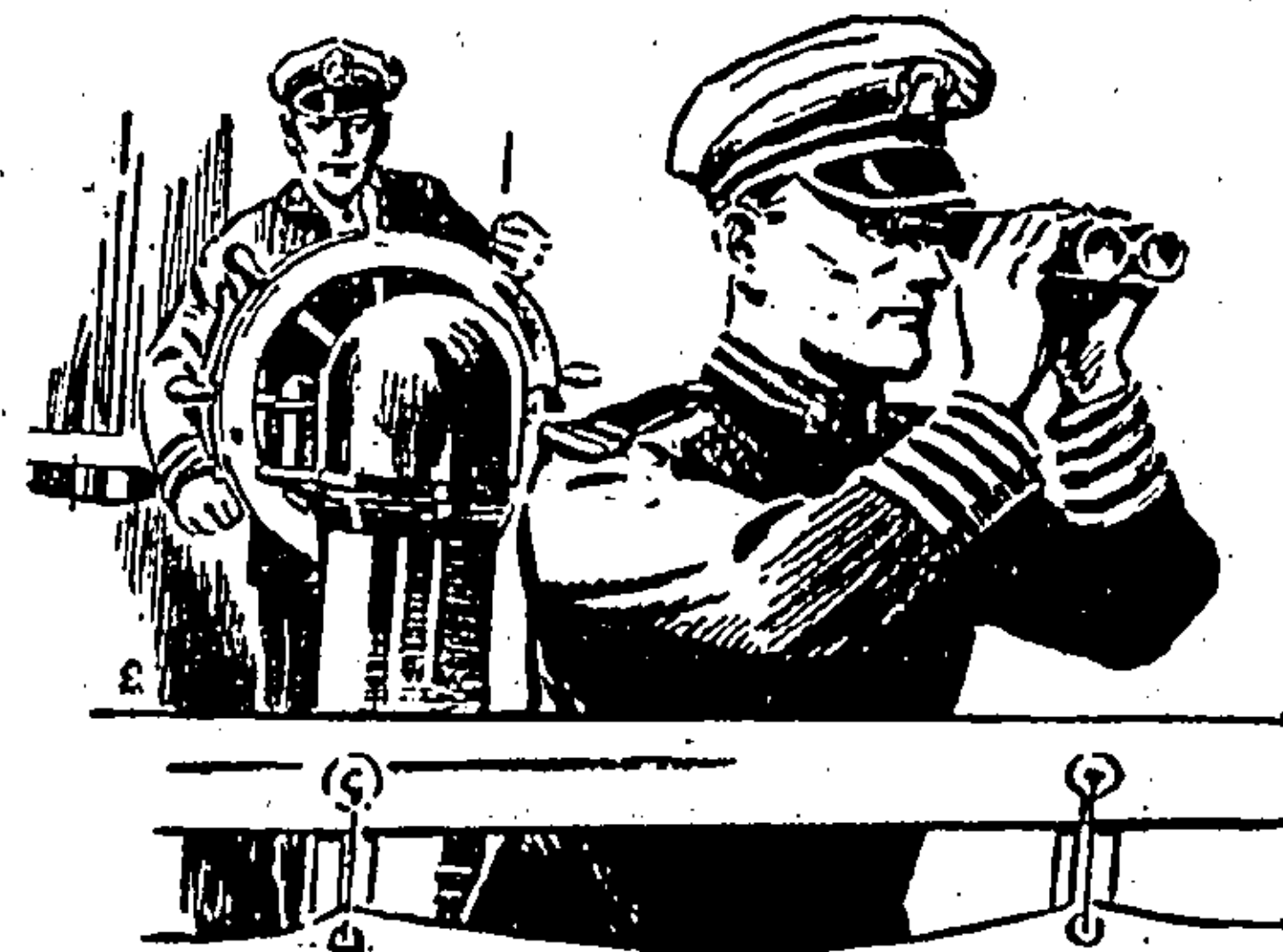
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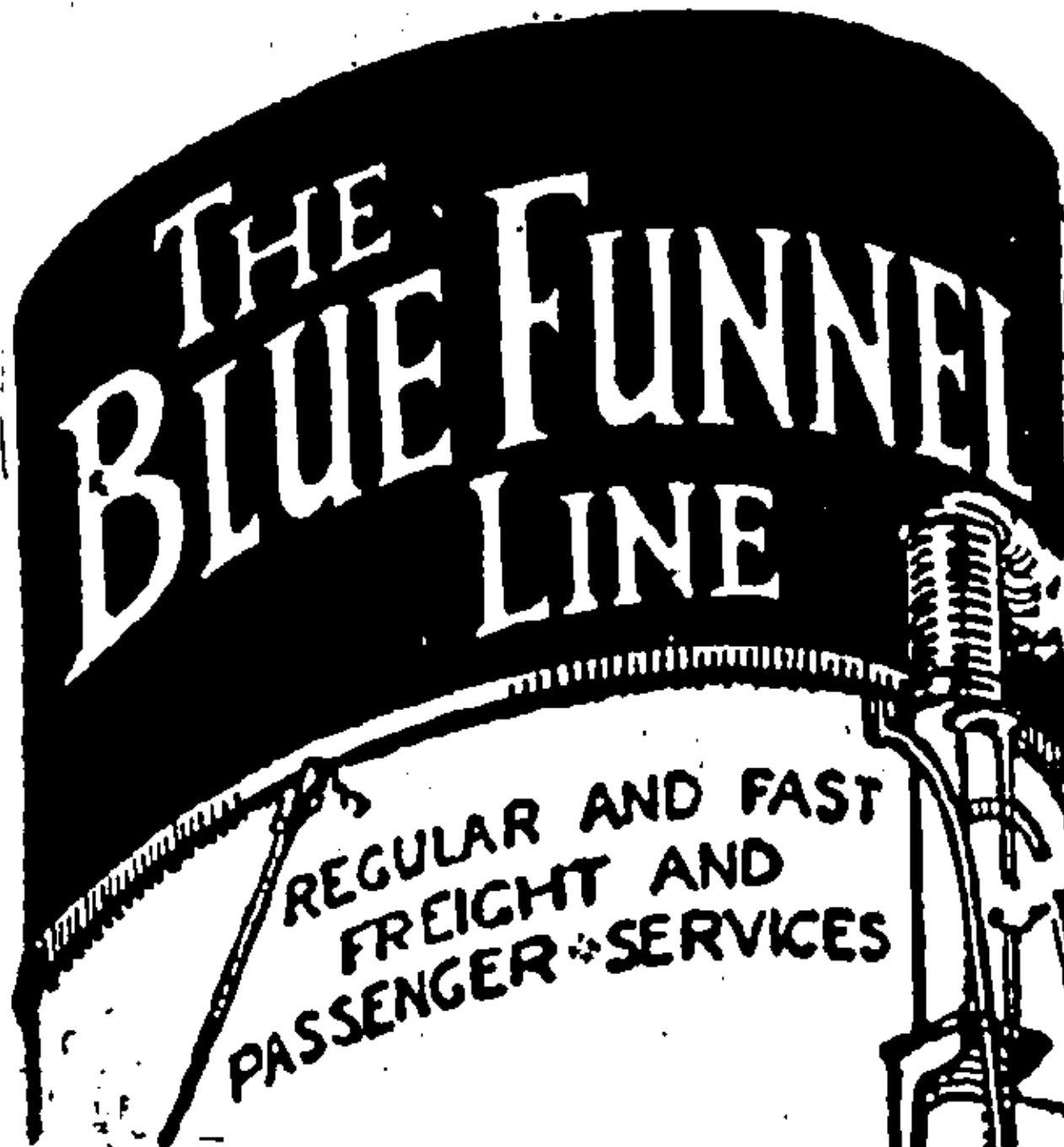
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List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:—Menado Maru, Anhui, Kong Ning, Fuku Maru, Trier, Haining, Hosi Maru, Seislan, Sui Sang, Athos II, Sourabaya Maru, Empress of Canada, Nitto Maru, Kashima Maru, and Jufuku Maru.

INWARD MAILS

From Per
SATURDAY, MARCH 15.
U.S.A. (Seattle, Feb. 22), Canada, Japan,
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London,
Feb. 22) President Taft
(Ship due on Mar. 14 7 p.m.)

Java via Soerabaya Tjileboet
SUNDAY, MARCH 16.
Shanghai and Amoy Tjilondari
Manila Empress of Canada
Straits Kashima Maru

MONDAY, MARCH 17.
Manila President Jackson
TUESDAY, MARCH 18.
Amoy Tilawa
Shanghai Aeneas

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For Per
SATURDAY, MARCH 15.
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New Zealand via Thursday
Island

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Parcels Mar. 15, 3 p.m.
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Letters 6 p.m.

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Swatow, Foochow and Wei Hai
Wei Huichow 8.30 a.m.
Manila 9 a.m.
Java via Batavia Tjilind 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Kalgan 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Canton Maru 9 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 17.
Shanghai and Japan Kashima Maru 10.30 a.m.
Swatow Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
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America and Europe via Victoria, B.C. April 4)
Parcels Mar. 17, 3 p.m.
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Letters 5 p.m.

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GOVERNMENT AID FOR COLONIES

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WEST INDIES AND MAURITIUS
£500,000 TO BE ADVANCED

London, Yesterday.
The Secretary of State for the Colonies has telegraphed to the Governors of the West Indies and of Mauritius to the effect that the British Government are prepared to shoulder half the Colonial Governments' losses up to £300,000, in respect of the West Indies, and £200,000 in respect of Mauritius, if the Colonial Government will guarantee the lenders in respect of half of any losses on advances made to assist the next sugar crop.—Reuter.

AIR DISASTER

Bodies of French Aces
Found

Brussels, Yesterday.
The bodies of the French air-men, Roux, Callot and Dodemont, who disappeared while flying to France last January after a successful flight to Madagascar, have been found, with their aero-

COLONY'S FINANCE

Revenue and
Expenditure

The financial statement of the Government for the month ended November 30, 1929, showed the revenue derived during that month as \$2,042,211.96. The expenditure during the same period was \$1,812,454.21.

The balance in hand was still on the right side; the ten million mark being still maintained. The figures are:—
Balance of Assets and Liabilities on October 31 \$10,054,882.59
Revenue from November 1 to 30 2,042,211.96
Expenditure from November 1 to 30 1,812,454.21
Balance \$10,284,640.34

A valise, containing jewellery and other goods to the value of £200, was stolen from a motor-car belonging to the Hon. Reginald A. Fellows, the English banker, at Nice.

plane, in the Kasai forest, Belgian Congo.
This indicates how they met with disaster, and clears up the mystery of their actual fate.—Reuter.

ITALY AND FRANCE STILL HOLD OUT

NO PROGRESS MADE AFTER
CONFERENCE OF LEADERS

DEADLOCK REMAINS

London, Yesterday.
M. Briand (France) and Signor Grandi (Italy), conferred alone for a whole hour to-day. Extreme eagerness is felt over their meeting, as the chief, immediate interest centres in the French and Italian deadlock. Signor Grandi afterwards declined to reply to journalists who interviewed him, but M. Briand admitted that no progress had been made.—Reuter.

GHANDI'S APPEAL

Address to Native
Journalists

ARRESTED MAYOR

Ahmedabad, Yesterday.
Gandhi and his followers at six this morning left Navagaon, and reached Vasmu, where they are halting until this afternoon. The party will spend the night at a Matar. Addressing journalists this morning, Gandhi appealed to them to be patriotic and support the country's cause.

Speaking to villagers at Navagaon last night, Gandhi congratulated eight headmen who had resigned their posts in protest at Vallabhai Patel's imprisonment. He exhorted the villagers to manufacture and wear khaddar (homespun), and volunteer as civil disobedience workers. Gandhi's exhortations resulted in the resignations of the police headmen of the villages of Vasmu and Mahala. The villagers vowed in the presence of Gandhi not to fill the vacancies.—Reuter.

Calcutta's Mayor Leaves
Calcutta, Yesterday.
Large crowds gathered to witness the departure, under arrest, of Sen Gupta for Rangoon. A motor-car procession accompanied him to Outram Ghat, where he embarked aboard a ship for Burma. Sen Gupta was profusely garlanded, his forehead being painted with vermilion marks on the occasion of to-day's Hindu Festival. Sen Gupta in a parting message said:—"Disolve the present Bengal executive, and form one whose members believe in Gandhi's leadership and do not let the fair name of Bengal be sullied."—Reuter.

[Sen Gupta, the Mayor of Calcutta, has been arrested on a Rangoon warrant charging him with making seditious speeches.]
Volunteer Salt-Workers
Poona, Yesterday.
A "war council" of eleven has been appointed to organise passive resistance in the Poona district. A hundred volunteers have enrolled, and resolved to march to the suburb of Bombay on the sea-coast and manufacture salt.—Reuter.

WAR FEARED

Eruption of Strife in
North

TROOPS BUSY

Peking, Yesterday.
A message from Talyuanfu states that all the Shansi Generals who had gone to Talyuanfu to hold a conference with Yen Hsi-shan have returned to their commands, and it is feared at Talyuanfu that hostilities may break out shortly, as Shih Yu-san continues to move northward, and Nanking troops continue to arrive at Tsinanfu. A further fifteen hundred men arrived there yesterday.

Shih Yu-san has gone from Chengchow to Hopel, and the Kuomintang forces are advancing from Tungkuang to Chengchow. It is anticipated at Talyuanfu that they intend to occupy Chengchow, thus forcing Shih Yu-san's hand.

Lu Chung-ling and other Kuomintang Generals have telegraphed to Yen Hsi-shan, expressing sympathy for him to remain to strive night and day for the party and nation, and pleading their support to the very end.—Reuter.



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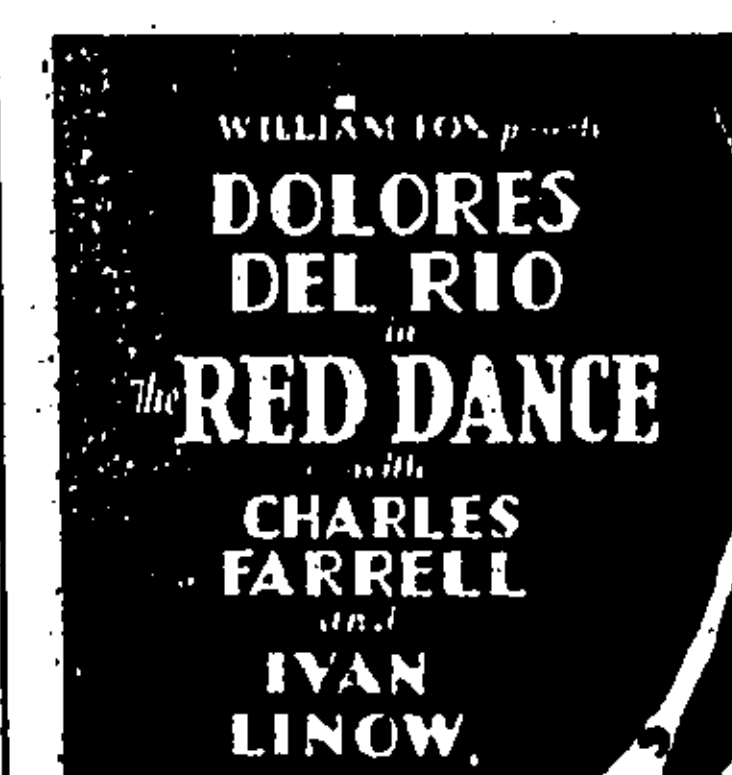
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